

AFIRE™

TIP #3

*"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with
great love"*

Is your group trying to decide what your specific ministry will be? Here are some ideas:

ADVOCATE. Keep in mind that the mere presence of your AFIRE™ group within your parish supports the cause. By bringing a ministry for addiction into the Church, we are shattering stigma, and that will slowly eliminate the shame that prevents people from reaching out for help.

Before long, people will come to your group and/or your pastor requesting assistance. But they have to know you are there!

So be sure to:

Put announcements in your bulletin, on social media, and/or send emails.

Leave AFIRE™ brochures, flyers, prayer cards, etc. in the vestibule for the taking. This will let your Church know that "we help carry burdens," and the prayers will surely "comfort the afflicted."

Have your group plan and host a prayer evening or evening of reflection for addictions, etc.

Be patient. This is a new ministry. It takes time and attention to build and maintain a fire (AFIRE™)! Your ministry will grow, and we will be providing more literature and other materials to you as quickly as we can get them produced!

THINK SMALL. It's often the little, simple things that people need help with:

Rides to appointments.

Relief from babysitting.

A note or word of encouragement (text and/or prayer buddies), etc.

Many people in early recovery need clothes. How about a clothing drive specifically for those in recovery?

So think small. We've got some big ideas here at headquarters for the future!

Do not despair if you have not yet found your calling as a group. Follow these tips and the format in your Leader's Manual, and the Holy Spirit will surely guide you!