Facebook Top Ten Tips

1. Provide Regular Updates

Three times a day is recommended (morning, noon and night). Maria normally posts at around 7 a.m., 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

2. Make it Personal

Offer "behind-the-scenes" or "slices of life" involving people and activities at the parish. Celebrate your pastor's birthday, ordination anniversary, etc. Remember to touch people's hearts and to be tender and compassionate.

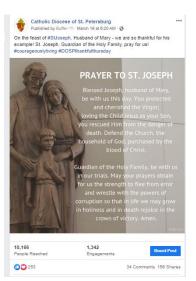


3. Go Live-When Appropriate

Live videos get priority on Facebook's algorithms.

4. Keep your Posts Brief and Highlight our Saints and our Faith

This one below is a good example of both! Short statements coupled with a picture can do very well.



5. Include a Call to Action

This could be pray with us, share with your friends or view a video. A Call to Action gives people reason to stop and interact with your post.



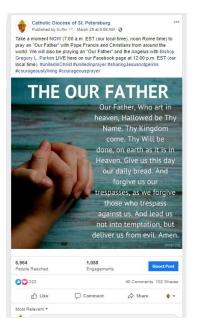
6. Prioritize Comments and Replies

If someone takes the time to comment on your content, you should return the favor and like the comment or respond with an answer or an encouragement. This increases engagement. Replies have become an expectation in today's social space. Given that people respect a social response within four hours of commenting, timely responses are a game-changer.

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7. Add an Interesting Photo or Graphic

Visual content is essential on Facebook. Make it personal by sharing photos of pastor, priests, church personnel, etc. Also, images taken of church "beauty" art and environment often do very well. (Free stock photo resources are available <u>here</u>.)



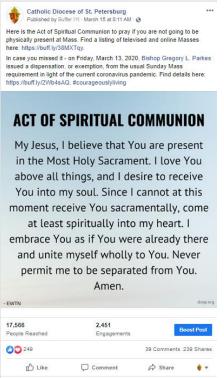
8. Feature an Interesting Quote

"Break Out" quotes from a saint, pastor or other person can engage people and lead to liking and sharing.



9. Proclaim, Invite and Encounter and be Timely

Share the Good News of Jesus Christ, invite people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ and be timely and relevant to what is on people's minds. Below is an example of all of the above.



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10. Use Hashtags and Social Media Campaigns.

This builds community and fosters engagement.



