

# DYNAMIS



## Who are we?

**Dynamis** [dy·na·mis] is an Anglo derivative of the Greek **dúnamis** [doo·nam·is]. Derived from the Ancient Greek **δύναμις** [thee·na·mees], the Word can be found in the Septuagint and New Testament.

## What does **δύναμις** mean?!

Power, Might, Force, Strength, Potency, Ability, Skill, Authority, Vigor, Influence, Virtue, Value, Worth

## Where did the inspiration of this name come from?

**The Book of Acts 1:8** But you will receive **δύναμις** when the Holy Spirit comes upon on you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, **and to the ends of the earth.**

## When did this ministry arise?

On Holy Thursday - March 24, 2016, Dynamis Ministry foundress Maria Suchyna received an inspiration from the Holy Spirit during fervent prayer: "He revealed that although there are many ministries in Western New York where young adults gather to share their love for the faith amongst themselves or within their own parish community, **the New Evangelization calls us to more!**" Inspired with confidence, she formed the [Dynamis Ministry](#), placing it under the patronship of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Pope St. John Paul II. In early 2017, Maria passed the baton of leadership and the Core Team elected Kyle Gorlick Executive Dean. Presenting Our Lord's inspiration to the Bishop of Buffalo in the humble spirit of St. Juan Diego, Dynamis received enthusiastic Episcopal Approval from Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, who encourages the Young Adult Ministry to spread their flames of love for Christ's Gospel Message!

## Why? Source: <https://www.avemariapress.com/yearoffaith/what-is-the-new-evangelization/>

Since Vatican II, Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI have used the term "new evangelization" to refer to the unique situation that the Catholic Church is in today. For the majority of the Church's history, its population resided mostly in European countries where the Church was thriving. In the last few centuries, however, the population of the Catholic Church has grown so much in the Americas and more recently in Africa that only 26% of Catholics are European. But even in the United States, **only 23% of Catholics attend mass once a week** or more. Many Catholics just feel too busy to attend mass regularly and don't feel particularly connected to the Church. Many have begun to call themselves "spiritual" but not "religious." These are new problems in the history of the Church. For centuries the Church's evangelical mission sought to preach the gospel to the nations of non-Christians that did not know Christ. Now the Church is called to a new evangelization, *an evangelization within itself*, a "re-evangelization."

## How is Dynamis answering the call?

The Dynamis Family consists of a wide range of personalities aged 18-35, *well formed in Virtue through rigorous classes*, to share their fiery passion for Jesus Christ by serving His Bride the Holy Catholic Church at Mass. The Dynamis Core works with a local Pastor to identify and offer resources that can best serve his parish's specific needs, and sets a date to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice together. Resources include passionate ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and striking vocal and instrumental talents. During the celebration, a Dynamis Family Member shares a testimony describing his/her personal journey to Jesus, providing an inspirational and Joyful witness to the fact that the Young Adult Catholics of Western New York take their Faith very seriously, and are called to spread it **to the ends of the earth.**

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