



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
— OF YOUNGSTOWN —

Parish/School Resources for Diocesan Media Day

*Celebrate September 28/29 in Parishes & 30 in Schools
(Feast of the Archangels)*

Blessing for Communications Professionals

Diocesan Media Day is an opportunity to thank those who work or volunteer for the parish/school in media & communications (social media, website, bulletin editor, answering phones, etc).

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, you blessed the first disciples with the power to spread God's love throughout the world.

Heavenly Father, bless these and all in the field of media and communications to proclaim God's word through their own unique gifts.

Open willing hearts to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it enters our daily lives.

Archangels, guide those who send out the message and those who receive it, so that all people may come to know your truth and be renewed by your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, *Amen*.

Adapted from [Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg](#)

Certificates

In addition to the blessing, you can provide certificates thanking those who work or volunteer for the parish/school in media & communications (social media, website, bulletin editor, answering phones, etc). [Click this link for a Canva template which you can customize](#). Substitute leaders in your parish for the signature lines.

Shortlink: <https://bit.ly/commcert2024>



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Prayers of the Faithful

September 15, 2024

For Communications: May the Lord Jesus help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt; *we pray to the Lord...*

September 22, 2024

For Communications: May the Holy Spirit help us rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides us; *we pray to the Lord...*

September 29, 2024

For those who work in Communications: On this Feast of the Archangels, grant us the grace to recognise your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen; *we pray to the Lord...*

Adapted from [Message from Pope Francis for the LVII World Day of Communications \(Feast of St. Francis de Sales\)](#) and [LV World Communications Day](#).

[Find additional Prayers for Communications from the Vatican Dicastery for Communications.](#)



Bulletin/Pulpit/PA Announcement

Today is Diocesan Media Day! In honor of the Feast of the Archangels, who proclaim God's message to the world, we are thanking Catholics who serve in media and communications in the Diocese of Youngstown. In **[list your parish/school]** we especially want to thank **[list names of staff and/or volunteers]**.

You can support our diocesan media today by sending your spiritual questions, topic requests, and recipes to communications@youngstowndiocese.org or following our social media accounts.

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Homily/Teaching Helps: Feast of the Archangels

Today's reading from the book of Numbers recounts when the spirit of the LORD came to rest on the elders of Israel to proclaim God's message to the people: "The LORD came down in the cloud [...] and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. [...] Moses answered him, [...] 'Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! / Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!'"

In baptism, the LORD *answers* that prayer of Moses, and sends the Holy Spirit on us, all the people of the LORD. We need the Holy Spirit to help us see that Jesus is the light of the world, and rejoice in what God has done for us. Your challenge today is first to take a moment of silence, listen to the Holy Spirit in your heart, and recall what God has done in your life. [moment of silence]

When your heart is filled with joy in the LORD, that is a sign that the spirit is resting on you. There are so many ways to **communicate God's message** and share that joy with the world: serving neighbors in need, overcoming sin and addiction, discerning your vocation, or acting as a peacemaker. Inspired by the Archangels, we can also be messengers of God, using the communication tools we have to encourage others and build up the Body of Christ. A phone call to someone you didn't see in Mass, a card to a friend who asked for prayer, an email thanking someone for being a gift from God in your life... this is how each and every one of us can spread the Good News of Jesus Christ: God loves you, God created you for love, God calls you to love others.

We are also blessed to have this parish community to support us, and remind us of all that God has in store for us. Today on Diocesan Media Day, we celebrate those Catholics who serve in an official capacity in communications, doing the day-to-day work of inviting others to greater participation in the life of God and the life of our Church. They tell the stories of Jesus at work in our corner of God's vineyard, and welcome those who want to join us for worship, fellowship and service. At the end of Mass, we will take a moment to recognize and bless them for this ministry. At the same time, let us also remember that in our own way, we are each called to *communicate* God's message... like Moses, like the elders of Israel, and like the Archangels.