

Rob Evans

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objective means—Reconciliation; without the extraordinary graces of spiritual ‘fathering’ that comes with Holy Orders, we were a family destined for serious dysfunction. And, despite the extraordinary faith and efforts of millions of Protestant believers over the past 500 years, the simple fact is that the Protestant family keeps divorcing and divorcing and divorcing—to the tune of tens of thousands of different denominations or churches. The spiritual carnage of these divorces is incalculable. Please know as you read these, perhaps, too direct words that they are not said with malice, nor bitterness, but with a soul-deep desire and love for the unity for which Christ prayed in John, Chapter 17, and, surely desires until we all join him in heaven.

Converts are such a blessing to the Church because of their newfound zeal, and Evans is no exception; he is on fire as a Catholic! He describes his feelings towards the Eucharist: “The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is absolutely humble, profound, engaging, historic, eternal and communal. To gaze into God in the form of bread and wine is the final frontier of our faith. In Mass, you hear God’s Word and then open a window to heaven and gaze at the Creator Himself, there in the hands of His appointed priest. Every day at Mass I am Born Again!”

As a result of his conversion, Evans’ Donut Man ministry has also changed. His repertoire now includes music for the liturgical calendar comprising songs about Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost and Christmas among others; and songs reflecting on the seven sacraments such as “This is My Body” (Eucharist), “The Centurion” (Holy Orders) and “If We Confess” (Reconciliation).

Evans has also revised and expanded his religious education offering to include Catholic-based programs which contain his infectious songs and stories.

And Rob Evans is also appearing as himself, the adult, sharing his conversion testimony with other adults, including those involved in RCIA programs.

Evans acknowledges that his conversion is changing his ministry.

“Some Protestant groups by nature dismiss Catholic ministry,” he says. “Those types of groups are no longer interested in having a Donut Man concert for their families! It is my hope that as my Catholic journey continues that parishes and dioceses will invite me to sing about my newfound joy. I have found Christ alive and well in the Sacraments, so now I must sing about it!”

I was fortunate enough to witness a Donut Man event at the recent Proud2BCatholic festival in August in Framingham, MA. His way with children was gentle,

charming and loving, yet firm. At one point Evans took a donut and explained its meaning to the children: “Life without Jesus is like a donut, ‘cause there’s a hole in the middle of your heart!” He then took another donut and crumbled it, and as he explained about the loving sacrifice that Jesus made for all mankind on the cross, how His body was broken out of love for us, he took the crumbled donut pieces and filled the hole of the other donut, making it whole. I couldn’t help but think of how Jesus had taken His brokenness and filled the hole in Rob Evans’ heart, making him whole. Jesus filled him with His love, and now Rob Evans, the Donut Man, is filled with zeal that continues to compel him to share his healing with the world. †

Note: As is often the case with converts with ministries and vocations, such work can be adversely affected by the embracing of the Catholic faith. You can support Rob Evans in his new ministry to Catholics by visiting his websites: donutman.com and lateforsupper.com, and inviting him to your parish to minister.

Hear my interview with Rob Evans on the GrapeVine News Minute podcast, episode #53 at gvonline.net – click on the GrapeVine Podcast button and look for episode #53 in the player.

