

## What is FAR180

- We are a lay mission whose purpose is to help provide a defence and answer for the hope that is within you. (1 Peter 3:15) We are ordinary Christians, a mixture of both cradle Catholics and Catholic converts, who have the desire to share the ideas that have increased our hope and faith. Our prayer is that through the videos and reflections for evidence for God and Christianity that we have prepared, your perspective on Faith and Reason can change 180°, and that with this course correction you can steer towards the fullness of the faith.
- Like the Gospel's reference to sowing of seeds parables, we too plant seeds but in people's minds. FAR180 helps to affirm or deepen one's faith and inspire lukewarm believers. FAR180 is also a source for skeptics seeking the truth. In addition to provide resources for Christians to share with their loved ones especially for those who have walked away from the church.

## Why FAR180?

- Would a lawyer say to a jury, my client is innocent because he told me so and you should believe him too just on faith? Of course not, they provide plenty of evidence. Likewise, providing evidence for our Christian faith is nothing new. How many would have followed Jesus, many to their deaths if He didn't provide evidence? Our guess...ZERO!
- Many Christians whose faith is based solely on emotion and feelings, are often quickly undermined by atheistic arguments when not grounded on fact. Our youth are especially at risk in High School and University, often ridiculed, tested and unprepared for attacks on faith. This sometimes results in their loss of faith, underscoring the need to effectively equip them as teens.
- CS Lewis, a renowned 20<sup>th</sup> century academic and author best known for his "Chronicles of Narnia" series, said it best, "If Christianity is not true, it's of no relevance, but if it is, it's of infinite importance!"

- Over the past several decades the Church has had a dramatic decline in attendance. Studies have proven that the number one reason why those who left is that they don't believe, falsely believing the myth that Christianity and science are in opposition.

## Who is FAR180 for?

- It's for all individuals who are questioning the purpose of their lives and looking for the truth.
- All ages, believers and non-believers.
- Those who have left the church.
- Anyone placing high emphasis on evidence.
- Those wanting to defend and share their faith.
- Individuals who organize Church faith formation programs and religious ed instructors.

## Resources available at FAR180.COM:

- 16-page magazine "Faith and Reason" (Free PDF at far180.com)
- Live presentations by FAR180 team members
- Attend events by request – With information table with 2 tall colourful banners full of visual cues designed to encourage discussion
- Website far180.com, with downloadable PDFs by evidence subject matter for handouts
- Bunker Busters – A one page pdf handout with key pieces of evidence for God & Christianity
- Videos with supporting PDF hand-outs and a small group participant guide
- Time, talent, and treasure suggestion PDF
- Blogs changing attitudes 180°
- Photography of God's natural wonders & beauty
- Testimonies

## **St. Augustine's and St. Paul's perspective on evidence:**

*"I wouldn't be a Christian if it were not for the miracles."  
St. Augustine (354-430 AD)*

*"If Christ has not been raised, (from the dead) then our preaching is false, and your faith is vain."  
St. Paul (1 Corinthians 15)*