



## **Cosmo Femia: Teacher Witness to Faith**

### **Secondary School Teacher: Loretto Abbey**

**If you had to create a Catholic Resume which highlighted ways you are a WITNESS to the Catholic faith, what would be on it?**

I am a practicing Roman Catholic who seeks to live every day of my life the way Jesus lived. I attend Church every Sunday with my wife and parents. I live as an example to others, especially to the students I teach. At school, I always start my class by praying with the students the “Hail Mary” and I end my class by praying with the students the “Our Father”, no matter what course I teach. Moreover, every Thursday and Friday, with my students in Religion class, I pray the Holy Rosary whereby a different student each week leads the prayer. At home, I teach my nephews and niece how to pray and to invite Jesus to become their best friend, an important part of their life.

**What kind of difference do you hope to make in living a life based on Jesus’ teachings?**

I hope to make a big difference and I know I am doing this through my teaching. Teaching for me is a vocation, a call to bring children towards God by allowing them to come to know God’s grace and love. I teach my students the importance of prayer in order to invite Jesus to become a part of their lives and in doing so, respond to the call of being an active apostle of their faith and to serve Christ in their relationships with others within the community, especially the poor, sick, etc.

**What advice do you have for a young Catholic finding ways to express their faith?**

The advice I have for young Catholics is to go to Church on Sundays and allow them to be transformed by the power of the Holy Eucharist in community with others. Moreover, I invite young Catholics to come to know Mother Mary and Jesus through the mysteries of the Holy Rosary because every time they pray the Holy Rosary. It is also important to get involved in their faith by joining their local parish youth group and getting involved with activities within their parish and community. I invite young Catholics to speak out against injustice and to become an instrument of God’s work throughout their daily life. Lastly, there is no better way to express our faith then to allow it to speak through our actions in imitating Jesus’ love to the world. In other words, have a great concern for others by living by the Golden Rule “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”.