**Missionary Spirit**

I am not a missionary. I don’t want to stand on a street corner or knock on doors, I don’t want to go into the jungles and forests and spread the word of God. I don’t want to stand there holding a Bible in my hand screaming out like some possessed idiot. I don’t want to go to Africa, Asia or anywhere, I just want to be myself.

Well who am I?

I can label myself as a Catholic but a small c catholic I don’t want to draw attention to that. Because people will start asking me questions (that I can’t answer or don’t know) maybe they’ll point at all the abuses of the Church, the priests , the scandals, or will ask about gay marriage, abortion, contraception, women priests …and so on and so on …I don’t want that, I don’t want conflict, I don’t want any trouble …I feel safe in Church ,because people there, won’t judge me or ask me those difficult questions, they are just like me…..It’s safe here in Church. No one will bother me here.

 I am comfortable and I don’t want any trouble. Let someone else do the Missionary thing.

Many times I have started a book and after a few pages, sometimes just a few paragraphs, I stop and just give up reading. Other times I will read it in one sitting. Sometimes I begin watching a TV program and after a few moments switch channels. Other times I just want to watch more and more. Sometimes I’ll try a new food and after a bite...nope not for me. Other times I will order that same food over and over again. I dislike bowling but I love golf. I dislike reading romance books but love science fiction. I dislike this but I like that.

We all have likes and dislikes...

Whenever we don’t want to do something we always go to the extreme...to make it so difficult for us to do it. But like anything it’s the small things that make a difference. A journey begins with one step…not a giant leap…reading begins with one word…not a whole book; missionary work begins with one gesture…the sign of the cross.

The easiest way to profess your faith...is by crossing yourself.

By this one small but significant gesture you announce to all that you are a believer that you believe in the Father Son and Holy Spirit. By this one gesture you are a missionary.

 By this one gesture you become an apostle for the Lord. You are a missionary…spread the faith; spread the hope of life eternal. This gesture is the sign of true believer and should not be done in shame, in embarrassment nor should you restrict it to just the church. This gesture should be shared with all.