

MIKE PATIN—SAMPLE INTRODUCTIONS

The following items may be of help to you in publicity:

- a) An “official” bio for written programs or to give to supervisors, etc.
- b) A sample introduction to/by young people
- c) A sample introduction for an adult group.

These are *only* guides. Please do whatever you need or what feels natural or creative.

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a. BACKGROUND/BIOGRAPHY

(suggested for printed programs/brochures; not suggested for actual introduction)

Mike Patin—the “Engagin’ Cajun”- uses energy, humor and stories to remind people of God’s presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the “next step” in our journey with God.

Mike has worked in ministry settings since 1984, first as a high school teacher and coach, and then in diocesan ministry for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Since 2003, he has worked full time as a speaker and “faith horticulturist.”

Mike has been privileged to speak to groups ranging from 10 to 23,000 in over 130 dioceses in the U.S. and Canada. He has spoken at parish missions, conferences, rallies, retreats, leadership institutes, and in-services. His audiences have included addressing youth, adults, families, clergy, seminarians, school faculties, businesses, athletic teams and hospital staffs.

He has been a featured speaker numerous times at the following national events:

- National Catholic Educational Association Convention
- Los Angeles Religious Education Congress/Youth Day
- National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry
- National Catholic Youth Conference
- Notre Dame Vision

Mike has published two books: *A Standing Invitation*, and *This Was Not in the Brochure: Lessons from Work, Life and Ministry*.

In 2006, he received the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award.

Mike lives in Lafayette, LA.

b. Introduction: teens

Mike Patin is from Louisiana. He’s worked with teens and ministry leaders for over 30 years. He’s been a high school teacher and coach, a youth minister, a summer camp counselor...and even an assistant coach for a college basketball team.

Now, he speaks across North America to teens and adults about how to live our Catholic faith in a busy modern world.

He enjoys:

- music (lots of different kinds)
- sports (especially college basketball)
- Comedy Central
- and that his “job” lets him meet great people from all over North America.



c. Informal Introduction: adults

Mike Patin, “the Engagin’ Cajun”, is from Louisiana. He has spent over 30 years serving the church as a high school teacher, coach, diocesan staff person, and youth minister.

Since 2003, he has been a full time “faith horticulturist” -- speaking across North America to young people and adults on connecting Catholic faith to everyday living, and living life faithfully and joyfully.

When Mike is asked how he likes to be introduced, his response is “as a man of hope and a struggling disciple of the Risen Jesus.”