



***JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA ADDS POWERFUL EVANGELISTS AND NEW CITIES TO REVIVAL TOUR***

***21-city tour features renowned speakers Dan DeMatte, Teresa Tomeo, James Wahlberg as new additions to the speaker line-up and expands to NEW cities across the United States***



**IRVINE, CALIFORNIA - JANUARY 18, 2023 - [JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA](#), the 21-city U.S. revival tour that kicked off November 19, 2022 in Orange County at [Christ Cathedral](#), announces the addition of new cities and renowned evangelists to the historic movement that is sweeping the country.**

The *JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA* movement is a 21-city revival tour that takes place over three years and is deeply sacramental. Each event will have a powerful call to action inviting attendees to publicly commit, or re-commit, to Jesus Christ and will provide tools to help Catholics to better live out their faith in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

Expanding its lineup of speakers and event locations, Deacon Steve Greco announces the addition of [Dan DeMatte](#), best-selling author, evangelist, and co-founder and executive director of Damascus; [Teresa Tomeo](#), national TV and radio host, best-selling author and international evangelist; and [James Wahlberg](#), film producer (*Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*, *Circle of Addiction: A Different Kind of Tears*), best-selling author (*The Big Hustle*) and international evangelist, as part of the powerful line-up of national speakers.



*Teresa Tomeo | international speaker, best-selling author and syndicated Catholic talk show host*

“I am so honored to be part of this exciting evangelization event, *JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA*, encouraging Catholics across the nation to fully embrace the source and summit of our faith,” said Teresa Tomeo, international speaker, best-selling author and syndicated Catholic talk show host of *Catholic Connection* and *The Catholic View for Women* seen on EWTN. “I hope and pray that my witness as a revert to the Catholic faith will inspire attendees to deepen their appreciation of Jesus’ total gift of self, and to, in turn, give back in gratitude for what He gives us every time we attend Holy Mass or adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament.”

James Wahlberg, an internationally known evangelist and film producer, is not just a renowned speaker for the tour, but he will be producing a documentary film that goes behind the scenes of the *JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA* movement as a way to bridge together the events and real people from various levels of faith across the country. **Watch the promo video [HERE](#).**



*James Wahlberg | film producer, evangelist and best-selling author*

“I could not think of a better time to bring revival to the United States,” said James Wahlberg, producer, author and evangelist. “There is no more time to wait to tell people about the love and beauty of Jesus Christ, the one who fills all our longings, hunger, and desires with His love and mercy. I’m honored to join this movement and Deacon Steve Greco’s vision to take back our homes and our country in the name and power of Jesus Christ.”

The movement comes alongside the U.S. bishops’ initiative for Eucharistic revival and provides a way for the local Church to embrace a custom-made old fashioned revival that will provide a means for people to encounter Jesus Christ. Local events will include:

- Gatherings with powerful evangelists and the local Church
- Experience of the power of the Eucharist and the Mass
- Repentance and sacramental confession
- Tools to better pass on the faith as an evangelist in these challenging times including a 52-week follow up for every registrant that features weekly Scripture, questions for meditation and video content from Norbertine Father Jacob Hsieh, a priest of Saint Michael's Abbey in Southern California

“We started this fire in the Diocese of Orange and are taking it throughout California to Fresno, Los Angeles as well as across the country to Birmingham and as far away as Hawaii,” said Deacon Steve Greco. “We are adding new cities each week. We are going to host a massive *I THIRST: YOUNG ADULTS* revival event just for men and women in college and in their 20s and 30s at Santiago Retreat Center in Southern California on March 10-12. We are also planning *I THIRST: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS* to help our Catholic school communities come alongside this movement that restores Catholic culture within our schools - from the families to the teachers to the students. We want to reach as many cities and demographic groups as possible with a message of renewed faith, hope and love for Jesus Christ. We are in a spiritual battle for the soul of our country and our families, so God is mobilizing this army to bring needed revival to our land.”

The current schedule for the [\*JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA\*](#) tour includes the following locations:

- I THIRST: ORANGE COUNTY, November 19, 2022 (Christ Cathedral)
- I THIRST: LOS ANGELES, March 4, 2023 (San Gabriel region)
- I THIRST: YOUNG ADULTS, March 10-12 2023 (Santiago Retreat Center)
- I THIRST: FRESNO, March 18, 2023
- I THIRST: BIRMINGHAM - May 20, 2023
- I THIRST: HAWAII - July 15, 2023



*Dan DeMatte | executive director of the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus*

“Our country has an urgent need for revival,” said Dan DeMatte, author, podcaster and evangelist. “*JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA* is going to lead people to a life-changing encounter with Jesus that invites them to live a life that changes lives. I encourage everyone to get involved in this movement so that the Holy Spirit can break forth in you in new ways.”

*I THIRST ORANGE COUNTY* was the first city in the *JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA* revival tour and was held at the historic [Christ Cathedral on November 19, 2022](#). The day-long experience included Mass, all-day confessions, live worship, evangelization through witness, and a call to commit.

“The vision here is to go to seven U.S. cities a year over three years,” said Deacon Greco. “And very soon we will be announcing an international expansion. There is really no limit to what Jesus can do to bring renewal to hearts, minds and people everywhere in every nation. We know

that strongholds will be broken. We know that people who struggle with unbelief, perpetual sin, or being disenfranchised from the sacraments will be healed. Everyone is being called home. We are inviting you now.”

To find out more about *JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA* including how to register for local events or how to bring I THIRST to your city, to volunteer or to donate, please visit the official website at [www.JesusThirstsForAmerica.com](http://www.JesusThirstsForAmerica.com).

“We are building an army,” said Deacon Greco. “This country will be transformed city by city, soul by soul. We invite you to join this movement. Bring us to your city. Be a part of a historic outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God over our nation. Nothing is impossible for God. The time is now to turn back our great nation to Jesus Christ. Let’s do this together!”

For interviews with Deacon Steve Greco, president and founder of Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry and founder of *JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA*, or to interview other speakers, please contact Alexis Walkenstein, president at [AWE PR](mailto:AWE PR) at (561) 445-5409 or [walkensteina@gmail.com](mailto:walkensteina@gmail.com).

#### **ABOUT SPIRIT FILLED HEARTS MINISTRY:**

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