



# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

## SPEAKER BIO

**JUSTIN FATICA** is an internationally renowned Catholic/Christian speaker for Hard as Nails Ministries, which he co-founded. He worked as a Campus Minister and Youth Minister for over 10 years. He has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people with a message of hope. He has been interviewed on ABC's "Nightline" and "Good Morning America" and he was featured in a 78 minute HBO movie, Hard as Nails (2007). He has had cover stories done in the Our Sunday Visitor, National Catholic Register and was featured in the New York Times (and many other media outlets). On February 3rd, 2009 his first book Hard as Nails was published by Doubleday. It was a Publishers Weekly #1 Bestseller. His new book Win it All published by Ave Maria Press will be in bookstores October of 2010. Justin shares his heart with the world. Whether gently sharing a story about the young people he meets across the country or bringing an enthusiastic message that God loves you no matter. He is married to Mary Fatica with three beautiful children and resides in Syracuse, NY.

## WHO'S TALKING ABOUT IT

Cardinal Sean O'Mally, Archdiocese of Boston  
Most Rev. Keith C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend  
Most Rev. Donald A. Trautman, Bishop of Erie  
Bob McCarty, Executive Director, National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry  
Mike Norton, Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
Fr. Scott Jabo, Headmaster, Cathedral Preparatory  
Fr. Willy Raymond, Family Theater Productions  
Michael J. Lindstorm, Corporate Consultant, Executive Coach and Founder of One Question  
John Rinaldo, Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of San Jose  
Dr. Mac Pier, President, The NYC Leadership Center  
Ken Blanchard, Founder of Ken Blanchard Corporations  
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Harry Flaherty, Director of NJ/NYC Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Dave Groesbeck, CEO of Why International  
And many more...

"Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and this action is service."  
- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta



# RECOMMENDATIONS

During such challenging times for the Church we need a clear and direct message of hope. Justin Fatica's orthodox message of Christ's love is delivered in a new and convincing way. Our Lord's marching orders to the Apostles was, "Go and make disciples of all the nations." Win it All: The Way to Heaven for Catholic Teens gives us hope. It shows the way for young people to become disciples of Christ, and committed members of His Church.

**His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley**  
**Archdiocese of Boston**

"Faith, hope, and love are the virtues that help us to live in a close relationship with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Faith in God, hope for heaven, love for all: these are what animate Justin Fatica. With deep passion, Justin shares this faith, hope, and love with young people, teaching and inspiring them to have a living relationship with the Holy Trinity. The new evangelization requires new evangelizers. Justin Fatica is indeed a new evangelizer, helping others to encounter Christ and the liberating truth of His Gospel."

**Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades**  
**Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend**

I am proud to count Justin Fatica among the native sons of the Erie Diocese and I am happy to encourage a wide readership of his latest book, Win it All: The Way to Heaven for Catholic Teens. Justin speaks to teens and adults in an authentic, powerful way, interweaving stories of saints and everyday people and describing practical steps to holiness. If you want to grow in your love of Christ, if you want to touch the lives of others through the Gospel message, and if you want to win it all for heaven - this book is for you!

**Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, S.T.D., S.S.L.**  
**Bishop of Erie**

Justin Fatica's passion for and commitment to Jesus Christ is evident on every page of Win It All: The Way to Heaven for Catholic Teens. His book covers topics like mission, courage, loving and perseverance and his stories will resonate with the real life issues of young people. He draws his stories from his own life and from our Catholic saints and heroes and from the scriptures and each chapter has reflection questions and "steps" – strategies and practical actions that the reader can take. This is a journey that will appeal to our young people.

**Bob McCarty, D.Min.**  
**Executive Director, National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry**

Justin, your message echoed our Mission belief statements. Each of our students is made in God's beautiful image and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity... Our young ladies, in God's eyes, are truly amazing... Jesus is #1! The Hard as Nails Retreat was an emotional, fun and healing time filled with blessings. You literally rocked the school with your energy and music. Our students proudly wear your t-shirts as a reminder that Jesus is the Lord of their lives. They already eagerly await your return visit next year.

Melanie and Melissa, our Peer Mentors, remember "Justin, with such motivation, taught us to keep our heads up, even if we carry a cross. Don't let the past take over your present and future. Take life step by step. We are all in it together somehow. Be real, be true, be who you are, and most of all, be Hard as Nails!"

**Linda Michalski, TOP**  
**Sister Donna Jo Repetti, OSF**  
**Campus Ministers, Benedictine Academy**

Justin and his team are able to provide dynamic presentations for large groups of young people along with retreats and assistance in reviving youth ministry at parishes and high schools. I recommend him and his ministry for your consideration. He has the endorsement of local bishops and priests in the Diocese of Syracuse, New York.

**Fr. Willy Raymond, CSC**  
**Family Theater Productions, Hollywood, CA**

Justin's relentless passion is infectious! As a fellow speaker and educator to teenagers and adults, it is outstanding to watch him doing his work in our industry. I consult, speak to and coach professionals and executives every day in my business in the Fortune 500 arena and I see it too often—people are so unwilling to face the truth, to confront the "brutal facts" of their teams and their corporate cultures. It is refreshing to see a guy like Justin share the truth about the challenges people (the youth and their parents) face in this day and age. One thing that people must recognize about Justin's message is that it's NOT all about being Christian, Catholic or a "religious" person per se—he takes a stand for young people and parents from all walks of life and backgrounds. The reason people gravitate to his message and style is because he tells the truth in a ruthless way; thus his ministry Hard As Nails! He has been a personal inspiration to me, especially after seeing him uncover the REALITIES of teenagers and parents. Not accepting mediocrity and stereotypes is something all people must stand for and my wish for Justin is that his message is heard by all people, regardless of their religious stance. He represents the "next generation" of speakers and mentors that can relate with both teens and adults alike. I am proud to call a Justin, not just a contemporary, but more importantly, a friend.

**Michael J Lindstrom, J.D.**  
**Corporate Consultant, Executive Coach and Founder of One Question, LLC**

Having had the opportunity to attend some of Justin Fatica's workshops, I was impressed with his ability to connect with the young people that attended. Through his story telling and the sharing of life experiences, Justin was able to engage all those that were present and to share the Good News that we are to be like Jesus everyday in every way. One youth coordinator came to me after attending Justin's workshop to let me know how great it was and how his youth were touched and challenged to be disciples of Christ. Justin's ministry, Hard As Nails, is an effective opportunity to embrace some of the components of youth ministry, specifically community life, evangelization, and pastoral care. Having shared a meal with Justin, as he told his story, I could tell that his heart for ministry and young people was passionately genuine. Justin Fatica is an effective speaker and story teller who would have a lasting impact on any Diocese or Parish that invites him in.

**John M. Rinaldo**  
**Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of San Jose**



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It was great hosting you Saturday night for our Freshman Retreat. You had an amazing effect on our Freshman Class and even more so on the seniors who were directing them on their retreat. Several Senior's in fact told me on Sunday that they wish they could have you address their whole class in a similar venue. (Phil Di Tullio '09) Another senior said you were like "Kairos on steroids" (Jared Padilla '09) You(Justin) provided a place for our students to be open and honest with one another. You opened your heart and shared your story with them and they in turn opened their hearts to each other. The Holy Spirit was truly at work Saturday night. It was a turning point in our retreat. I'm told it was the focus of their group discussions with their parents on Sunday morning before liturgy.

**Fr. Jerry Hayes, S.J.**  
**Director of Campus Ministry**

Justin Fatica is a passionate leader impacting the lives of at risk youth. His Catholic oriented outreach is extraordinarily important for today.

**Dr. Mac Pier**  
**President, The NYC Leadership Center**

With Hard as Nails, Justin proves that he is one of the next great inspirational leaders. "Justin proves he is one of our next great leaders -- with this book he will inspire you to change your life, like no one has before.

**Ken Blanchard**  
**Founder of Ken Blanchard Corporations**  
**Chief Spiritual Director of Lead like Jesus**

Justin's passion for life is something that we all could use a dose of. This is a must read for young people! Justin's message to touch and empower young people is right on the mark. His passion is honest and impactful, and it's a message that we all can use!

**Dan Lier**  
**Success Consultant & Author – The 10 Minute Coach**

I believe that Justin can have impact not only in the sports arena, but with other people. Justin does not operate in fear, which is a challenge for many leaders.

**David Tyree**  
**New York Giants Wide Receiver**

Students and Faculty alike are still talking about your program. On Monday March 13th, 2006 a passion for positive living was ignited into our auditorium.

**Joan McNichol MA, SAC**  
**Harrison Public High School**

I have seen many of the top speakers in the US. When it comes to putting on an exciting program that fires kids up and gets them emotionally connected with their faith and their God, Justin Fatica is as good as ANYBODY. He never fails to find a way to soften their hearts to the love of Jesus Christ.

**Bob Halligan Jr.**  
**Lead Singer/Producer Ceili Rain**  
**Director of Music Ministry for Mega Youth Ministry**

The director of Hard as Nails Ministries, Justin Fatica, was a very bright student at Seton Hall. He excelled academically, though with his great interpersonal gifts Justin shines like few others I have ever met.

**Monsignor Robert Sheeran**  
**President of Seton Hall University**

Justin served as basketball coach at the FCA summer sports camps at Kutztown University. Justin has a gift for connecting with youth and, through the grace of God, impacting their lives on and off the field. When Justin called me to speak at his banquet I told him that I would get on a helicopter if I had to and be there to support the mission he is on.

**Danny Buggs**  
**Former NFL Football Player, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Speaker**

As someone whose vocation is to be interested in characters. I was immediately drawn to Justin for his incredible physical energy and wildly dynamic personality mixed with this deep message of religious faith.

**David Holbrooke**  
**Director of HBO Documentary on Hard as Nails**  
**Director of the Mountain Film Festival**

In the Catholic Church today we need more people like Justin. Not as intense as Justin, not as in-your-face as Justin but if everyone was on fire like Justin our Church would be better off. I think we need more ministries like Justin's and more people getting others excited about the Gospel.

**Father Larry Richards**  
**National Evangelist/Speaker**  
**Founder of the Reason for Our Hope Foundation**

Hard as Nails is not your average ministry team. They use a unique, in your face, straight-up Jesus approach that is both challenging and refreshing. In a society where many churches and Christians are happy living normal, mediocre lives, Hard as Nails is a cut from a different mold.

**Rev. Casey Higgins**  
**Youth Pastor at Assembly of God Church**



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I fully recommend Justin Fatica as a passionate evangelist of Catholic youth, capable not only of effectively proclaiming the message to our youth, but of building up the adults and the communities that desire to pass the faith on to this next generation.

**Rob Spizla**  
**Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
**Diocese of Burlington, VT**

What those kids experienced yesterday I can assure you, was never learned in the classroom in their 8 years of CCD.

**Elizabeth Vitale**  
**Director of Religious Education**  
**St. Andrews Church**

I highly recommend Justin at one who will enrich a ministry with his many gifts and heart to serve. Justin Fatica is a man of faith and strong character and would be an asset to any organization.

**Harry Flaherty**  
**Former NFL Football Player**  
**Director of NJ/NYC Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

As a Headmaster of a nondenominational Christian school, your ministry to my students during their spiritual focus week was one of the best demonstrations of God's holiness and mercy to students that I have ever witnessed in 30 years of Christian service. Yes you were direct but you conveyed a message with a love so compelling and a level of authenticity that adolescents could relate too. You hugged them, cried with them, spoke truth and God did an amazing work in the life of this school.

**Rick Burslam**  
**Headmaster of Hebron Christian Academy**

The very positive response from our students who heard Justin speak has been a clear indication he did indeed reach our students and made a huge difference in their lives. Although the retreat was held months ago, students will talk about their experience in glowing terms. Many students said they were some of the most profound experience of their lives.

**Father Scott Jabo**  
**Headmaster of Cathedral Preparatory School for Boys**

Hard as Nails will blow you away. Hard as Nails is making a difference in the church in so many ways. It is youth ministry like you have never seen before. I recommend them for any church program.

**Rev. Bryan Page**  
**Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church**

The most moving speaker I have ever listened to.

**Dave Groesbeck**  
**CEO of Why International**

God is doing great things through Justin Fatica. Justin and Hard as Nails Ministries for the past three years have been the spiritual dynamic for our retreat program at Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School. Justin's honesty about his own life experiences and relationship with Jesus Christ connects with the students, and encourages them to come forward and give witness to a presence of Christ in their lives that they had not known or had misplaced.

**Joseph Pounder**  
**Director of Campus Ministry at Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School**  
**Syracuse, NY**



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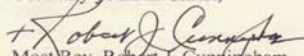
Dear Mr. Fatica:

I am writing with regard to your request from an *Imprimatur* for your book *Win It All: The Way to Heaven for Catholic Teens*.

Inasmuch as your book has been reviewed by our *Censor Deputatus* and the required changes have been made, I am pleased to grant my *Imprimatur* granted as of this date, May 28, 2010.

Be assured of my prayerful best wishes.

Cordially yours in Christ,

  
Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham  
Bishop of Syracuse

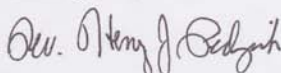
**The Church of St. Michael and St. Peter**  
*A Roman Catholic Community*

January 6, 2010

To whom it may concern,

Justin Fatica, is a member of the Church of St. Michael & St. Peter, in good standing. He and his family attend church and receive the sacraments every week. Justin and his wife, Mary, are very involved in the life of our parish. They frequently teach and work with the youth of our parish and community.

Sincerely yours,

  
(Rev.) Henry J. Pedzich, Pastor

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Child & Youth Protection Program  
This certifies that  
*Justin P. Fatica*  
Has completed  
Protecting God's Children®  
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