

# **HARDASNAILS**

**MINISTRIES**

***Brian Greenfield***  
***Speaker Details***

***"Hold back nothing of yourself for yourself,  
so that he who gives Himself totally to you  
may receive you totally."  
- St. Francis of Assisi***

## Example Event Talk Topics...

Radical Faith	Power of Surrender	Ministry Training
The Need for Evangelization	It Takes a Community	What am I Afraid Of?
Healing your Brokenness	Uniqueness is Greatness	Destruction of Sin
Returning Home	Being a Black Catholic	Do Something
Finding Motivation in Setbacks	Who Do You Represent?	Reconciliation
Being a Man of God	Sacramental Catechesis	Power in the Word of God
Lies We Believe	Catholicism 101- Basics of the Faith	
Powerful Forgiveness	Bearing Your Cross – Your Secret Strength	
God Our Father	Rise from the Crap – Personal Testimony	
Ready to Rumble	What Gets in The Way of My Relationship With Christ?	

## Who is Brian Greenfield...

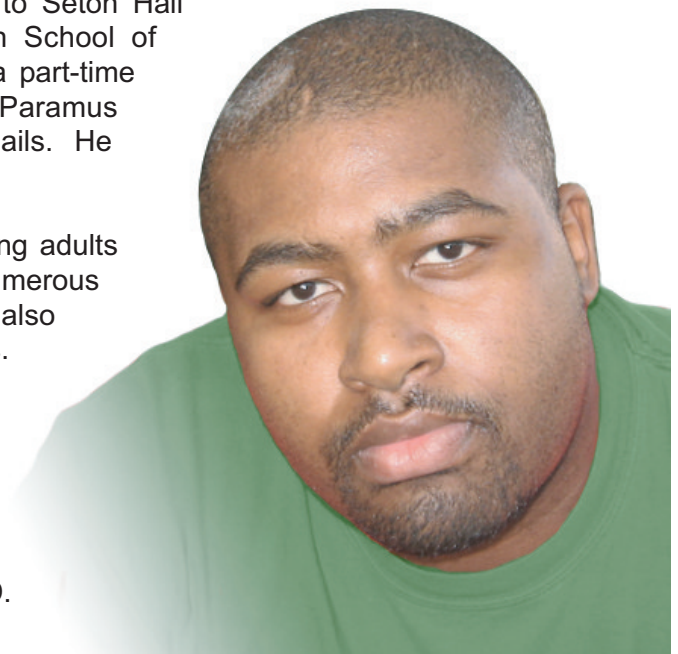
Brian Greenfield was born and raised in Washington, DC, where he attended St. Anthony's grade school and Gonzaga High School. After graduating from Gonzaga High School in 1997, Brian traveled to New Jersey to attend Seton Hall University, majoring in Communications. While at Seton Hall, God moved powerfully in Brian's heart and life. At the suggestion of a fellow student Brian began to attend a weekly prayer meeting with other students. This prayer meeting eventually grew into a retreat ministry. The ministry was called the Twelve Apostles Program. They traveled throughout New Jersey giving the message of Jesus Christ to youth and young adults.

While leading one of these retreats Brian promised God that he would stop living for himself and he gave his life to Jesus Christ. He continued to work in youth and young adult ministry during his four years at Seton Hall, speaking at numerous youth events and youth groups. After graduating from Seton Hall with a degree in communications, Brian attended the Franciscan University of Steubenville to study theology.

While Brian was at Franciscan University he felt that God was calling him to give more of himself. He explored this calling by attending a vocations retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. After returning from the retreat Brian withdrew from school and entered the Community of the Franciscans of the Renewal as a Postulant. As a postulant with the Franciscans of the Renewal, Brian lived in Harlem, served the poor, and began his formation as a Franciscan Friar. After finishing the postulancy Brian returned to Washington, DC to further discern God's call for his life.

After a brief stay in Washington, Brian returned to Seton Hall University to study theology at the Immaculate Conception School of theology. During his years at Seton Hall, Brian served as a part-time Campus Minister for the university and taught religion at Paramus Catholic High School. He also began his work with Hard as Nails. He received his M.A. in Theology in May 2005.

Brian has spoken to thousands of youth and young adults about the message of Jesus Christ. He has also written numerous articles concerning various aspects of Christian living. Brian is also one of the few black catholic evangelists in the United States. Brian believes that God has given him gifts to bring the message of Jesus Christ to others. He knows that there is a prevailing hopelessness in this world that can only be remedied through an encounter with Christ. Brian is currently a religion teacher at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC. He teaches Catechism and Ethics. He lives with his wife and daughter in Silver Spring, MD.



## Recommendation

Brian Greenfield is a man after God's own heart. His desire to bring people closer to Christ by any means necessary shows in his work with youth and young adults. He is a defender of the truth, he walks the walk and talks the talk. Brian is a teacher, a mentor, and a listening ear to those who are challenged by the false goods that this world has to offer. He strives to create a healthy self image in youth and young adults. He understands them, he sympathizes with them, he hears their heart, he's been there. His love for people and the truth is something we should all emulate--truly a young man to be admired and respected.

Brian is a writer for the National Black Catholic Congress web site newsletter, "The Black Catholic Monthly". His messages inspire youth and young adult to action; he beckons them to love themselves and love others. He challenges them to stand up for God, stand up for the Church, and stand up for themselves.

I recommend Brian Greenfield to any church, organization or ministry who is serious about making a difference in the lives of God's people. He promises to leave them with faith, hope and love. We need more people like him who dare to make a difference and he does make a difference.

Valerie E. Washington, *Executive Director*  
National Black Catholic Congress

## Testimonials

*"...inspiring and uplifting."*

*"...incredible!!! A great blessing to all of us."*

*"...a wonderful gift..."*

*"...you've made a difference."*

*"...the most powerful message I have received from someone in a very long time."*

*"...brought together a class that was once torn apart by so much."*

*"... evoked a deep emotion within me, which I have carried with me since."*

*"His presence and voice filled the room, captivating everyone..."*

*"He really spoke out to how high schoolers feel."*

*"He knows how to get people to show emotion."*

*"He speaks to your soul. He speaks the truth."*

## References \*\*\*contacts available upon request

Ms. Dawn Crutchfield – Director of Office of Black Catholic, Archdiocese of Richmond, VA.  
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