



Catholics Come Home

Parish Resources for Planning, Outreach Re-Evangelization, and Formation

PARISH PLANNING

7 Principles of Parish Life Leisa Anslinger (PowerPoint presentation) Essentials of belonging and engagement for a lively parish. http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo/documents/Seven_Principles_of_Parish_Life_web.147154118.ppt

Best Practices for Parishes Rev. Robert Duggan (Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association /PNCEA) www.bestpracticesforparishes.org Evaluates all aspects of parish life so a parish can be its best and most welcoming.

Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States (USCCB) <http://www.usccb.org/evangelization/goandmake/index.shtml> in English and Spanish. Additional materials at www.pncea.org

Seven Simple Steps to Make Parishes Simply Shine (2009) Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Evaluate and improve your parish “appearance” – mission statement, website, bulletin, environment, printed material, directional signs, living signs. http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo/documents/7_Simple_Steps_to_Shine.pdf

PROGRAMS/MATERIALS FOR RETURNING ADULTS

Outreach:

Alpha Course in a Catholic Context <http://www.christlife.org/sharefaith/Alpha.html> Apostolate of Archdiocese of Baltimore – presenting Alpha with a Catholic outlook. Can lead into RCIA inquiry or Catholicism 201 (see below).

CREW St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville. Parish process for outreach to registered inactive parishioners <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo/documents/CREWHandout.pdf>

Finding God in All Things, Revs. Greg Boyle, SJ, James Martin, SJ and John O'Malley, SJ, Loyola Productions (Loyola Press) How to recognize God's presence in our lives (through joy and pain, Mass, sacraments, everyday life) Available in VHS, DVD at <http://loyolaproductions.com/productions/educational/finding-god-in-all-things-video/> or in VHS only from the Diocesan Media Center. Also viewable online at <http://www.mycatholicvoice.com/media/AXaEEB>

Generative Discipleship: The Deeper Invitation of Jesus Rev. Ron Rolheiser, 2007, Videos with Values (Oblate Media) Invitation to understanding that discipleship is a call to die to ourselves in order to give blessing to others. Two sessions. (2 hrs total) <http://www.videoswithvalues.org/issues/generative.html>

It's Not the Same Without You: Coming Home to the Catholic Church Mitch Finley, Doubleday, 2003. Understanding alienated Catholics and strategies to reach them.

MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) Resource Publications www.rpinet.com A peer ministry to gather mothers to form a network of mutual spiritual support for a group experience of learning, praying and ministering to each other.

New Movers List Program (PNCEA) www.pncea.org subscription to monthly file of people newly moved into specific zipcodes for mailing invitations, postcards, etc.

Reaching Out: A Manual for Evangelizing Inactive Catholics Archdiocese of Louisville Evangelization Ministry www.archlou.org/archlou/ACC . Parish training, facilitator training, plans for listening sessions, a healing service and follow-up – all for only \$15 plus shipping.

Seeking Christ: First Steps to the Catholic Faith Rev. Frank DeSiano, Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association, 2010. <http://www.pncea.org/seekingchrist/> An exploration of basic spiritual questions intended to lead people to the pre-catechumenate.

Sparks from Ashes A program for Young Adults – Ash Wednesday-Lent – Ideas for evangelizing, “Soup and Discussion night and more. <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/documents/SparksFromAshes2009.doc>

Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life: A Video Workshop with Ron Rolheiser, 2004, Videos with Values (Oblate Media) a workshop on DVD for mid-life adult seekers encouraging them to develop a spirituality of adult discipleship. (3 sessions – 2 hrs total) <http://www.videoswithvalues.org/education/spirituality.html> (Also available in Diocesan Media Center.)

The Story, 2003, Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls. Kerygmatic evangelization for seekers: powerful reflective 5-Session experience of the story of God's relationship to human beings through a Catholic lens. 4 topics: Creation, Sin, Redemption and Salvation. Multi-media package consists of video (VHS or DVD), Facilitators guide and CD of original music. (VHS version available in Diocesan Media Center) <http://www.sfcatholic.org/thestory/thepackage.html>

What Jesus Said (and why it matters now), Timothy D. Fallon, 2006, St. Anthony Messenger Press. A guide to understanding how Jesus is dynamically at work in daily life, with step-by-step reflection and prayer process, involving personalizing the Gospel stories. <http://catalog.americancatholic.org/product.aspx?prodID=B16673>

Re-evangelization:

Awakening Faith (PNCEA) www.awakeningfaith.org A guide to a six-week process to welcome inactive Catholics.

Inviting Catholics Home: A Parish Program (popularly known as "Catholics Returning Home") Sally Mews, 2002, Liguori. www.liguori.com or www.catholicsreturninghome.org 6-session process.

Catholics Can Come Home Again! A Guide for the Journey of Reconciliation with Inactive Catholics Carrie Kemp, Paulist Press, 2001. www.paulistpress.com A 6-session parish process.

Meeting Christ in Prayer: An 8-Week Life-Enriching Experience Based on the Spiritual Exercises.... (Loyola Press) www.loyolapress.com 8 weekly sessions, plus individual daily reflection book with process based on *Lectio Divina* and journaling.

Landings: A Ministry of Reconciliation (Paulist Fathers) www.landings-international.org Video, plan for witness talks, events and more.

Reconciling Community – Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (for inactive/active Catholics) PNCEA www.pncea.org Penance services, prayers, reproducible prayer brochures, cards, etc.

What Makes Us Catholic: Discovering Our Catholic Identity (A Catholic Update Video) St. Anthony Messenger Press. Four segments: story, witness from someone who left the Church and came back, teaching on Jesus, sacraments, Mary & the saints and hierarchy; and final musical video reflection. 38 min. DVD or VHS (VHS available in Diocesan Media Center) <http://catalog.americancatholic.org/product.aspx?prodid=D2018&pcat=77>

Yes, I Can Believe: Discovering the Treasure of the Catholic Faith Rev. Frank DeSiano, CSP (PNCEA, rev. 2005) www.pncea.org Booklet with 6 easy topical essays on key questions.

Adult Formation:

A Well-Built Faith: A Catholic's Guide to Knowing and Sharing What We Believe, Joe Paprocki, 2008, Loyola Press. In 18 short chapters, Paprocki cuts to the essentials in a profound, lively and often humorous way. Can be used individually or with groups. <http://www.loyolapress.com/well-built-faith-catholics-sharing-what-we-believe.htm>

Believing in Jesus: A Popular Overview of the Catholic Faith, Leonard Foley, OFM, 6th Edition, 2005, St. Anthony Messenger Press. This classic in adult catechesis covers the complete spectrum of the Catholic faith. Updated to reflect the latest church documents and events, it is cross-referenced to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Includes discussion questions. <http://catalog.americancatholic.org/product.aspx?prodid=B16939>

Catholicism 201 <http://web.mac.com/jp2m/i/Web/Catholicism201/Home.html> Catholic follow-up to the Alpha Course. DVD, manual. Introduces specifically Catholic doctrine, identity, spirituality.

Exploring Our Catholic Faith (RCL/Benziger) 26 topical handouts, correlated with the Catechism. www.rclweb.com

Faith Connection (RCL/Benziger) www.rclfaithconnection.com weekly 2-page resource to connect Sunday Scripture readings and everyday life. Online subscription.

Growing Faith Project (Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division, formerly Harcourt Religion) <http://your.harcourtreligion.com/gfp/index.html> Topical handouts for reflection website includes planner, correlations.

Handbook for Today's Catholic Revised Edition Liguori, 2004 www.liguori.org
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults www.usccbpublishing.org (use session plans)

Meaningful Conversations About Prayer, 2006, Loyola Press. Four DVD's: "How and Why We Pray", "Praying with Our Own Words", "Praying with Scripture", "Praying with the Church's Words", with leader's guide for facilitating reflection and discussion about prayer. <http://www.loyolapress.com/meaningful-conversations-about-prayer-dvds-leader.htm>

The Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism Rev. Michael J. Himes, St. Anthony Messenger Press, DVD or VHS – 10 topics, 20-25 min each: Trinity, Grace, Incarnation, Salvation, Church, Baptism, Eucharist, Sacraments of Vocation, Reconciliation, Tradition. Interesting and provocative reflections, inviting people to new perspectives. Available from Diocesan Media Center (DVD) or <http://catalog.americancatholic.org/product.aspx?prodid=A16651&pcat=125>

What Makes Us Catholic, Thomas Groome (RCL/Benziger) DVDs Series of 9 engaging video lectures on themes of Catholic identity. www.rclbenziger.com

While You Were Gone: a Handbook for Returning Catholics – and Those Thinking About It William J. Bausch (Revised, 2000 Twenty-Third Publications) www.pastoralplanning.com

The Word Made Flesh: An Overview of the Catholic Faith, Anthony J. Marinelli, 1993, Paulist Press. Classic book helps make the Catholic faith real. (Recommended that this be used with Catechism of the Catholic Church as supplement). Currently available from <http://www.amazon.com/Word-Made-Flesh-Overview-Catholic/dp/0809133911>

Why Catholic? (Renew International) www.whycatholic.org Adult formation process based on Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Four 12-session books, available in Spanish.

For Specific Sacramental Needs:

Infant Baptism: A Sourcebook for Parishes (Loyola Press) manual for focusing on parental understanding of the sacrament, emphasizing the community of faith. www.loyolapress.com

In His Light and **Journeying In His Light** (OSV/Harcourt) Presentation of Catholic faith for adults, young adults, mature teens, with journal for reflection. www.mycatholicbookstore.com

Journey of Faith (Liguori) – use "Inquiry" packet www.liguori.org Pre-catechumenate for adults who wish to become Catholic, can also be used as beginning catechesis with baptized Catholics.

RESOURCES FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH IN RETURNING FAMILIES

The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers (St. Mary's Press) Colorful age-appropriate summary of the Catechism for pre-teens. www.smp.org

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth (St. Mary's Press) Youth-friendly summary of the Catechism for teens. www.smp.org

Faith Fusion (Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division, 2010) "Catch-up catechesis" for youth in teen-friendly format.

Handbook for Today's Catholic Teen (Liguori, 2004). www.liguori.org

Journey of Faith for Teens (Liguori) – Inquiry packet www.liguori.org Pre-catechumenate for unbaptized teens.

One Faith, One Lord (Sadlier) www.sadlierreligion.com “Catch-up catechesis” for teens through young adults – also in Spanish

Our Catholic Identity series (RCL Benziger) www.rclbenziger.com Also in Spanish.

The Light of Faith: An overview of Catholicism (OSV/Harcourt) www.mycatholicbookstore.com basic overview for high school.

Understanding the Catechism series (RCL/Benziger) Topical 10-session books for teens, young adults
www.rcl/benziger.com

What We Really Want to Know and **Questions from Seventh Period** Michael Pennock (Ave Maria Press) Q & A for essential questions teens have about faith.

RESOURCES FOR CATHOLIC CHILDREN IN RETURNING FAMILIES

Christkey.com - www.christkey.com Resources for unchurched children, parents, grandparents

Growing Up Catholic www.growingupcatholic.com – resources for partnering with parents for faith formation from Bill Huebsch and Leisa Anslinger.

Handbook for Today’s Catholic Children (Liguori, 2002) www.liguori.org Illustrated basics of Catholic faith.

Journey of Faith for Children (Liguori) – Inquiry packet www.liguori.org Pre-catechumenate for unbaptized.

Our Catholic Faith (Sadlier) www.sadlierreligion.com – “catch-up catechesis” for middle grades – also in Spanish.

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