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Resources for Evangelizing Inactive Catholics

An Invitation, With No Strings Attached: When the Ones You Love Leave the Church. Video. Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications, 2004. Almost every Catholic has a friend or family member who has stopped going to Church. Video to give to friends and family members, inviting them to return to the Church, especially to the local parish. It offers space at the end to video tape a local parish message to inactive Catholics.

Aridas, Rev. Chris, Steve Benthall, and John J. Boucher. *From Ashes to Fire: A Process for Lenten, Eastertide, and Pentecost Evangelization—Parish Manual.* Brentwood, NY: CHARISM, 2000. Learn how to turn the time from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost into an annual season of Catholic evangelization—involving all parish ministries and active parishioners. Printed resources include Parish Manual, Parish Mission booklet, and small group Bible study booklet. For more information: contact Therese Boucher, tmfboucher@comcast.net, 609-452-8954.

Bausch, William J. *While You Were Gone: A Handbook for Returning Catholics - and Those Thinking About It.* Twenty-Third Publications, 1994, 2000. Some key questions and concern of returning Catholics answered.

Boucher, Therese. *Evangelizing Unchurched Children: A Pocketbook for Catechists.* San Jose, CA: Resource Publications, 2000. Resources Publications, Inc., 160 East Virginia St, #290, San Jose, CA 95112-5848. (888) 273-7782, www.rpinet.com or www.christkey.com. Practical ways to reach out to evangelize unchurched children and their inactive Catholic families through faith stories, Scripture, drama, sacraments, and symbols exploring implications of the Church's *General Directory for Catechesis*.

Boucher, Therese. *Making Friends With the Saints.* Boston, MA: Daughters of St. Paul, 1990. 50 St. Paul Ave., Boston, MA, 02130, (800) 376-9121, www.pauline.org or www.christkey.com. E-mail: pauline@netrover.com. Inactive Catholics are often open to the faith stories of the Saints who have touched their lives in some way. Deepening their relationships with these friends of Jesus often leads them back to Christ and the Church.

Catholics Reaching Out. Washington, DC: PNCEA, 2005. Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association. 3031 Fourth St., NE, Washington, DC 20017. (202) 832-5022, www.pncea.org, E-mail: pncea@pncea.org. Invitational approach to reaching out to inactive and marginal Catholics. Tools provided for all active Catholics to do this—with resource kit that includes invitations, Parishioner Guide, Parish Manual, and display posters.

Christian Hospitality: A Handbook for Parishes. Evangelization Ministry, Archdiocese of Louisville, 1200 South Shelby St., Louisville, KY 40203-2600, (502) 636-0296, Hospitality is more than waiting for people to come to Church; it is as important as a way that we bring Church to the people. Handbook contains sample parish models and programs.

www.cmonback.com. Outreach to inactive Catholic Website of Holy Family Parish, Arcadia, WI. For those who have become distanced from the Catholic Church. Helps to answer questions and to heal the difficulties of the past.

Reaching Out: A Manual for Evangelizing Inactive Catholics. Resource Packet. Evangelization Ministry, Archdiocese of Louisville, 1200 South Shelby St., Louisville, KY 40203-2600, (502) 636-0296. Designed to assist the parish in surfacing, inviting, and nurturing inactive Catholics, and in helping them to explore a return to the Church.

Duquin, Lorene Hanley. *Could You Ever Come Back to the Catholic Church?* New York: Alba House, 1997. www.albahouse.org. Why people come back and what they come back to are also considered in a way that is designed to help an individual make up his or her own mind about what God may be asking.

Duquin, Lorene Hanley. *When a Loved One Leaves the Church: What You Can Do.* Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 2001. Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., 200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, IN 46750, (800) 348-2440, www.osv.com, E-mail: osvbooks@osv.com. Church teaching, sociological studies, and plain old common sense to bring comfort and understanding to those who bear the burden of having a loved one leave the Faith.

Harmony, Sarah. *Re-membering: The Ministry of Welcoming Alienated and Inactive Catholics.* The Liturgical Press, 1991. Honors the process of conversion on this returning journey, and explains the reconciling ministry of the entire Catholic community.

Kemp, Carrie. *Catholics Can Come Home Again: A Guide for the Journey of Reconciliation with Inactive Catholics.* Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2001. Paulist Press, 997 Macarthur Blvd., Mahwah, NJ 07430, (800) 218-1903, www.paulistpress.com, E-mail: info@paulistpress.com. A handbook for welcoming inactive Catholics back to membership or participation in a parish community. Provides insights as to why some return and some don't, as well as a six session process for helping people return.

Landings: A Ministry of Reconciliation from the Paulist Fathers. <http://www.landings-international.org>. Contact : Joan Horn - Phone: 512-452-7566, E-mail: jhorn@paulist.org. Landings is a parish-based small group process with a dimension of apostolic outreach. Landings empowers laity to welcome back returning Catholics in a structured process that takes 8 - 10 weeks.

Mews, Sally L. *Inviting Catholics Home: A Parish Program.* Liguori, MO: Liguori Press, 2002. www.liquori.org. E-mail: bookstore@liquori.org. Six-week support program aimed at helping Catholics return to the Church. See www.catholicsreturninghome.org. Uses a nonjudgmental approach. Program activities point out shared experiences and help participants view old problems in a new light. Contact: ssmews@comcast.net.

Mews, Sally L. *Returning Home to Your Catholic Faith: An Invitation.* Liguori, MO: Liguori Press, 2003. www.liquori.org. E-mail: bookstore@liquori.org. Guide book for returning Catholics—including books, bulletin, and Web site resources—to help them have a smoother transition in coming back to the Catholic Church.

www.OnceCatholic.org. OnceCatholic.org Ministry Team, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1615 Republic St., Cincinnati, OH 45210. The mission of OnceCatholic.org is to put inactive Catholics back in touch with a face-to-face community of Catholics. Along the way, they want to walk with each person as he/she sorts through their issues with the Church. Find out more about this ministry at www.AmericanCatholic.org.

PNCEA's New Movers List Program. Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association. 3031 Fourth St., NE, Washington, DC 20017. (202) 832-5022, www.pncea.org, E-mail: pncea@pncea.org. Resource to help parishes to reach out by mail to newcomers via zip codes. New movers lists provided monthly to help with outreach.

Reconciling Community—Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. Washington, DC: PNCEA, 2005. Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association. 3031 Fourth St., NE, Washington, DC 20017. (202) 832-5022, www.pncea.org, E-mail: pncea@pncea.org. Resources to invite inactive/active Catholics to the Sacrament of Reconciliation—with sample letters, penance services, examination of conscience, *What is the Sacrament of Penance?* Brochures, and Parish Guide and CD.

"Reaching Out to Inactive Catholics." *St. Anthony Messenger Online*. Web site: <http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Jun2001/Editorial.asp>. Nine reasons why Catholics become inactive and some concrete things that we can do to reach out to them.

Saltarelli, Bishop Michael A. "How to Reach Inactive Catholics: A Pastoral Statement by the Diocese of Wilmington." *Origins*, January 27, 2000. www.cdow.org/inactivecatholics2.html. After the U.S. Bishops Committee on Evangelization researched why Catholic become inactive, Bishop Saltarelli selected nine of these reasons to suggest how the Church might respond.

Strangers No More: An Educational Process for Contacting, Inviting, Welcoming, and Integrating Alienated and Inactive Catholics. Cleveland, OH: Diocese of Cleveland, 1996. Office of Evangelization, 1031 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114. Resource of ministry tools from many previously published works for reaching out to inactive Catholics.



**The Paulist National Catholic
Evangelization Association (PNCEA)
New Movers Program**

A Parish Can Participate in Two Easy Steps

1. Using the Order Form, a parish submits a list of zip codes that covers their geographical boundaries. Most parishes have from 2 to 10 zip codes. Only records where people have moved from a different area are included. There is usually no need to contact people who move within the neighborhood.
2. A new mover file is produced and emailed to the designated parish contact. The file is sent in a comma delimited format that a parish can use in Excel or any other database program. PNCEA can provide instruction for printing labels.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How is the PNCEA new movers mailing list compiled?

A. PNCEA has partnered with Planit Direct Marketing (PDM) to provide new mover lists to parishes. PDM uses Experian as its data source. Experian is one of the most respected and well-known companies in the database industry. Experian introduced the New Movers Database in 1979. It has provided exceptionally strong coverage of moves since its inception. This allows PNCEA to ensure a highly deliverable, reliable, and accurate source of new movers. By compiling data from diverse sources, Experian can provide information on approximately 85 percent of all new moves in the United States. No other compiler provides a more reliable, comprehensive file.

The New Movers Database is compiled from multiple sources, assuring broader, more in-depth coverage. The database is developed using Experian's unique, proprietary change of address (COA) data, recorded deed information on new home sales, telephone service providers, and other reliable sources. Files from telephone service providers are evaluated to ensure that new connects are actual movers.

All records on Experian's New Movers Database are ZIP + 4® coded using CASS Certified™ software. Names are highly deliverable and qualify for available United States Postal Service® rate discounts.

To ensure the database's accuracy and deliverability, each source is tested and required to provide data in a pre-set format. Experian also employs several quality control methods to maintain the accuracy of its files.

- First-class test mailings
- Majority of records reported by more than one source
- Sources data quality is evaluated, tested, and compared to established benchmarks
- All sources are reviewed to ensure they provide information in a timely manner
- Monthly update reports ensure no duplication on the file

Q. How often is the New Movers Database updated?

A. Experian receives information from its sources on a daily basis, and the information is then applied to INSOURCE. An extract is pulled from INSOURCE on a monthly basis and the New Movers Database is updated.

Q. What about data hygiene and quality control?

A. The New Movers Database undergoes the most rigorous and thorough data hygiene routines of any compiled file on the market on a monthly basis. All of the standard address validation procedures are performed to the New Movers Database. Experian uses licensed United States Postal Service® and commercial software to code and evaluate address records. The company ensures that records include complete street name, pre/post directional, secondary address components (i.e., apartment number or rural route), ZIP + 4®, and carrier route.

If you have questions about the New Movers list, how it is created or delivered, please call Mr. Kevin Fanning, the PNCEA mailing list representative, at 312-294-0015, or email him: newmoverslist@pncea.org.

Inviting New Movers to Your Parish
by Rev. Kenneth Boyack, CSP

Almost every parish in the United States has individuals or families moving into its geographical boundaries every month. This is because nearly 1 in 5 Americans move each year. The eight questions and answers below help parish leaders to consider their great opportunity to connect with new movers and invite them to grow in Christ through participating in the parish.

1. What is the pastoral situation of new movers?

It varies with each person, but we know the patterns. Some new movers are active Catholics and are looking for a parish to join. Others are lukewarm about their Catholic faith and may or may not be seeking a parish. Some new movers are inactive or alienated Catholics. Others are unchurched individuals who may be open to, or actively seeking, to learn more about the Catholic faith. Still others are active in other Christian denominations or religious traditions.

2. Why would a parish want to contact new movers?

Contacting new movers is one way in which the parish community participates in the Church's evangelizing mission. This ministry will benefit the new movers as well as the parish.

- **The field is huge.** For over 25 years, polling organizations like Gallup have asked Americans about their reasons for not attending church. In survey after survey, one of the major factors that causes people to stop attending is the simple fact of moving to a new community. It's natural when you think about it: people feel they miss their old church and perhaps will not find anything comparable in their new situation. Also, the pressures of modern American life start to choke out the good intentions people have of "finding a new church" after they have moved.

A parish can take the initiative and change this situation for some new movers. By sending a welcoming message and using an inviting voice, a parish can help lower the drifting from church that moving often causes and help families maintain contact with God and their faith. When you think of the millions of families who move each year, you know the field is huge. Working in this field can produce great fruit for the Lord.

- **People need your help.** Letting new movers know they are welcome and can find a home in your parish means you are doing them a great favor in a time of transition. With all the hassle of unpacking boxes, figuring out where furniture goes, finding schools and often changing drivers licenses, imagine the impact of a message from a local parish, welcoming them and inviting them to experience a new community! Moving produces turmoil, for good or for ill. How many people will start becoming active in a church because their new home gives them a sense of "starting over"? How many people will make contact with Christ because they learned of your parish services for them and their children?
- **The parish benefits.** Every parishioner who becomes active in a parish brings two invaluable resources: the ability to minister to others by becoming active, and the capacity to contribute to the parish financially. Every parishioner who enrolls is potentially another very active member whose involvement builds up the Body of Christ. Every penny a parish spends reaching out can potentially be returned in dollars that new parishioners give to support their new church home.
- **Christ is served.** One of the main responsibilities of pastors and parishes is to reach out to everyone within their parish boundary. The Church organizes itself into parishes precisely to cover every area, every block, and every household. In this way, Christ's desire that he be known and loved is accomplished through the outreach efforts of the parish. Inviting new movers into the parish is a powerful form of outreach in the name of Christ.

3. How often should a parish contact those moving into its geographical boundaries?

A monthly mailing to new movers will produce the best results because you can connect with them soon after they move into your neighborhood. Whether your parish contacts them or not, other churches and groups will be welcoming them to be sure.

4. What does a parish send in its new mover mailing?

The question of what to send is directly related to the goal or expected outcome of the mailing. The phrase, "You only have one chance to make a first impression" applies especially to new mover mailings.

- **Send a letter and enclosures via first class mail.** This option includes a cover letter from the pastor along with a brochure designed especially for new parishioners, a parish bulletin, and/or any other information that will attract the attention of new movers. Be sure to include your website address.

You also may include a response device so that the new mover can easily reply to the letter. This return card can have boxes to check with items such as, "I would like a call from a parish representative," and "I would like a visit from a parish representative." A modified version of this would be to have a similar response mechanism set up on your website.

- **Send a postcard.** As an alternative, a parish can create an attractive postcard and send it to the new movers. The postcard contains a short message from the pastor and invites the new movers to visit the parish website. Including a response mechanism on your website will make the communication process easy.

5. What about ecumenical sensitivity?

Being ecumenically sensitive is part of being Catholic. The new mover mailing will go to people of diverse faith and religious traditions as well as to those who are not active in any church, synagogue, or other place of worship. Be sure to include in your mailing a phrase like, "If you are already involved in a church, synagogue, or other place of worship, we rejoice with you. There is no need to reply." You may also include in your mailing a listing of the other churches and places of worship within the geographical boundaries of your parish. Being ecumenically sensitive will create good will among area pastors and churches. They will respect you for your efforts to connect with Catholics who have moved as well as with inactive Catholics and those with no church family.

6. How does a parish welcome new movers once they respond to your letter or postcard?

This question is important because, once the new movers respond, you will want to reach them in a timely way.

- The pastor, staff person, or a volunteer may call the newcomers, thank them for responding, and tell them about the times for the parish newcomer orientation.
- The pastor, staff person, or a volunteer may visit the newcomer's home, provide a complete parish information packet and a small gift, and share more about the parish.

7. Is it helpful to track the number of responses to the parish new mover mailings?

Yes, to the degree possible. The parish will never know exactly how people respond to a new mover mailing. Some will send back your response device. Some will never reply, but will visit the parish and become active members. These might be trackable through a question on the parish registration form. Others may be inspired by the mailing and find another Catholic Church. Be sure to keep a record of those who respond and basic information about their pastoral situation so you can follow-up.

8. How does a parish contact the new movers?

- **Prepare your own mailing list.** One method is for the parish to work with realtors and compile its own list of new home owners and those who are newly renting within the geographical boundaries of the parish.
- **Purchase a mailing list.** Another method is to purchase a new movers list. This is the easiest and most comprehensive approach. I invite you to learn more about the PNCEA New Movers Mailing List Program through which you can get the names and addresses of those who have moved into the parish geographical boundaries.

A Closing Thought

However you contact new movers, it is important to be genuine in your expression of welcome and gracious in meeting the needs of those who respond. If you are, these words will be addressed to you one day: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,..." (Mt 25:34-35).

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PNCEA New Movers Mailing List Order Form

Item # 4040. Standing Order for Monthly New Mover Lists for Up to Twelve Months

Yes, I wish to receive a new movers list for my parish zip codes once a month for \$40 per month.

Number of months requested (1-12) _____ X \$40 = Total cost _____

Beginning with _____ (month/year)

Please prepare a PNCEA New Movers Mailing List for my parish zip codes:

Note: If you do not know the zip codes for your parish, or have questions about creating the list, please call Kevin Fanning, the PNCEA mailing list representative, at 312-294-0015, or email him: newmoverslist@pncea.org.

Note: Lists are run the first full week of every month. Orders are due by the last business day of the month. They will be emailed to the E-mail address below during the first full week of the month.

Name _____

Title or Position _____

Parish _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Daytime Phone Number (____) _____

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Thank you for your order.



Expressing Our Love for Christ:
Full and Active Participation in the Mass
Checklist for Leaders

The following Checklist corresponds with the brochure for parishioners (same name as above) and serves as a tool for parish leaders to reflect on how well they encourage full and active participation in the Mass.

Use the following scale to complete each statement:

4=Strongly Agree 3=Agree 2=Disagree 1=Strongly Disagree

A. In preparation for Mass, we encourage and help parishioners to . . .

- 1 take time during the week to prepare for Sunday Mass by reflecting what the Mass means and meditating on the readings for the upcoming Sunday..... 4 3 2 1
- 2 use the time before leaving their houses to reflect on the celebration of Mass 4 3 2 1
- 3 remember their baptism by blessing themselves with holy water 4 3 2 1
- 4 show reverence as they enter the church 4 3 2 1
- 5 make sure they have the books or hymnals that are needed for participation 4 3 2 1
- 6 speak with others inside the church quietly and reverently 4 3 2 1
- 7 learn the music for mass and reflect on the meaning of the words that are sung..... 4 3 2 1

B. To deepen our union with Christ and the Church, we encourage and help parishioners to . . .

- 8 join in singing the hymns as best as possible, realizing that this helps to unite us in praise 4 3 2 1
- 9 become conscious of the particular ways we rely on God's mercy and grace..... 4 3 2 1
- 10 use the moments of silence before prayers to join themselves with Christ, with the priest, and with the whole assembly 4 3 2 1
- 11 let the words of the prayers draw them more deeply into the mystery of God's presence..... 4 3 2 1
- 12 remain active participants until the closing hymn is complete 4 3 2 1
- 13 become aware of the effects of the Mass in their lives..... 4 3 2 1

C. Listening to and dialoguing with God's Word, we encourage and help parishioners to . . .

- 14 be eager about hearing God's Word each week at Mass 4 3 2 1
- 15 listen attentively to what is being proclaimed and understanding that God dialogues with each person 4 3 2 1
- 16 use the silence after each reading to think about the word, phrase or image that touched them in a special or strong way 4 3 2 1
- 17 join in the responsorial psalm and allow the words and music to have an impact 4 3 2 1
- 18 stand for the Gospel acclamation and express gladness for the good news we are about to hear.. 4 3 2 1
- 19 discover during the homily ways that the words of scripture connect to their lives 4 3 2 1
- 20 reaffirm their baptismal faith by joining in the recitation of the Creed..... 4 3 2 1

D. With the presentation and preparation of the gifts, we encourage and help parishioners to . . .

- 21 present themselves or some aspect of their lives to God as the bread and wine are presented 4 3 2 1
- 22 recall Christ's sacrifice for us and make their contributions truly sacrificial ones..... 4 3 2 1
- 23 make a conscious commitment toward the poor and needy..... 4 3 2 1

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E. During the Eucharistic Prayer, we encourage and help parishioners to . . .	
24	join with the priest through the responses of the Preface and the sung acclamations..... 4 3 2 1
25	focus on the words and actions of the priest at the altar while kneeling 4 3 2 1
26	give praise to God who transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit 4 3 2 1
27	become aware that we pray for the Holy Spirit to transform us also and make us one body in Christ 4 3 2 1
28	give their assent to the entire Eucharistic prayer by joining in the <i>Great Amen</i> 4 3 2 1
F. With the communion rite, we encourage and help parishioners to . . .	
29	warmly and sincerely greet those nearby and share with them the peace of Christ 4 3 2 1
30	join in praying or singing the <i>Lamb of God</i> and ask God to grant mercy and peace 4 3 2 1
31	acknowledge their dependence on God's grace and mercy before coming forward for communion 4 3 2 1
32	join with the assembly in singing the hymn during the communion processional 4 3 2 1
33	reverently bow to acknowledge the Body (and Blood) of Christ immediately before receiving holy communion 4 3 2 1
34	respond clearly with an "amen" when the minister presents the Body (and Blood) of Christ 4 3 2 1
35	give thanks to God for the gift of this sacrament and reflect on the gift God has given us, during the silent time after communion. 4 3 2 1
G. Sent out as disciples, we encourage and help parishioners to . . .	
35	greet one another and meet new people 4 3 2 1
37	make special efforts to greet visitors 4 3 2 1
38	greet and speak with the priest or other ministers before or after Mass 4 3 2 1
39	speak with each other about the scripture, the homily, or prayers of the Mass 4 3 2 1
40	ask questions about what they heard or experienced at Mass 4 3 2 1
41	invite others who may be interested in the Catholic Church or who are currently inactive Catholics to come to the parish for a religious or social activity 4 3 2 1
42	take opportunities to discuss with family, friends, or other parishioners what it means to participate in the Mass 4 3 2 1
43	volunteer, as much as is possible, to serve the community in various ways 4 3 2 1
44	talk with people in the neighborhood about the parish and what it means 4 3 2 1



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Obstacles to Evangelizing: Why Some Catholics Don't Share Their Faith

Many Catholics have a deep faith in Jesus Christ and the Church. Yet, they do not try to share their faith with others or get involved with parish or (arch)diocesan evangelization efforts.

Individual Activity (5 mins.)

What do Catholics in your family, neighborhood, community, parish, or diocese seem to have as obstacles to evangelizing or sharing faith with others? Rate the intensity of obstacles below that you encounter. Circle a number under each obstacle on a scale of 0 (not an obstacle to evangelizing) to 5 (major obstacle to evangelizing).

- Believe that one's religion a private matter.
0 1 2 3 4 5
- Fallout from the sexual abuse scandals, including the loss of credibility of some church authorities.
0 1 2 3 4 5
- Inadequate knowledge of Catholic beliefs.
0 1 2 3 4 5
- Don't know how to share their faith stories or the Good New of Jesus Christ verbally.
0 1 2 3 4 5
- Fear rejection by their peers if they try to share their faith with them.
0 1 2 3 4 5
- Experienced "confrontational evangelism style" of some Christians or of other religions (i.e. Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, etc.)
0 1 2 3 4 5
- American value of pluralism: "Live and let live." All religions are equal.
0 1 2 3 4 5
- They were hurt by discrimination their Catholic parents or grandparents endured in this country.
0 1 2 3 4 5
- Afraid that speaking about their faith may become mere recitation of formulas or creeds.
0 1 2 3 4 5

- Believe that one's good actions (attending Mass, treating people with care, etc.) are all that is needed to evangelize others.

0 1 2 3 4 5

- Failed at trying to share their Catholic faith with someone in the past.

0 1 2 3 4 5

- Lack of a vibrant Catholic parish community locally where someone being evangelized might go.

0 1 2 3 4 5

- Evangelization is too hard and takes too much work.

0 1 2 3 4 5

- Everything their parish does already is evangelizing others to Jesus Christ and the Church.

0 1 2 3 4 5

- "Another obstacle to evangelizing or sharing faith here is..." (Please be specific):

0 1 2 3 4 5

Reflection Questions for Small Group Sharing—4 or 5 people (25-40 mins.)

1. What obstacle(s) above have you never heard expressed by Catholics in your area?
2. What are the top three obstacles to evangelizing that other Catholics have in your area?
3. What statements above are obstacles that you struggle with in regard to evangelizing? Why?
4. What are some concrete things you might do to help yourself and others to overcome these "Catholic obstacles to evangelizing?"

Who is Jesus for YOU?

Individual Prayer and Activity (10-15 min)

Many of the Scriptural titles used to describe Jesus are listed below:

- These ancient names can be used as prayers, in and of themselves. Several have been used for centuries as part of the "O-Antiphons" before Christmas.
- Some people like to repeat just one or two titles over and over again, at quiet moments throughout the day.
- Some people alternate the word "Jesus" with each title used (ex. Jesus, Savior; Jesus, Lord; etc.)
- **Circle the 3 to 6 titles that you would find most meaningful** as you pray, study, or speak to others about Jesus Christ. If a favorite title of Jesus is not listed, put it in the empty bottom box.
- Pause for a few moments and step back in time. Imagine that Jesus is passing by you on the dusty road to Jerusalem. Call out to him using the title that suits you right now. Spend as much or as little time on that one name as you need. How does Jesus respond? What happens next?

Alpha and Omega	Anointed High Priest	Jesus	Beloved One	Author of Salvation
Bridegroom	Bread of Life	Cornerstone	Blessed One	Morning Star
Captain of Salvation	Christ	Chosen One	Christ the King	Lord
Emmanuel	Faithful One	Glorious Lord	Friend	Our Help
I AM	Good Shepherd	Healer	Holy One of God	High Priest
Holy Servant	Just One	King of Israel	Master	King of Kings
Image of the Invisible	Holy One of Israel	Immortal	Living Water	Messiah
Horn of Salvation	Lamb of God	My King	Lion of Judah	Lord of Glory
Judge of the Living	Light of the World	Living Bread	Key of David	Man of Sorrows
Only Begotten	Our Passover	Pascal Lamb	Great Prophet	Redeemer
Prince of Peace	Resurrection	New Adam	Servant of God	Savior of the World
Savior	Shepherd	Son of David	Son of Man	Son of the Most High
Son of Abraham	Our Strength	Teacher	Son of Mary	Suffering Servant
Word Made Flesh	Way, Truth and Life	Son of God	Word of God	

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Sharing in small groups (3 or 4 people—20-25 mins.)

1. Which two or three of these Scriptural titles of Jesus encourage you the most? Why did you choose each one?
2. Which of these titles of Jesus are the most foreign to the way you envision him?
3. How do your favorite titles of Jesus color what you think it means to be a Catholic disciple of Christ?
4. What titles do you and other members of your group have in common? What does that mean to you?
5. Think of three people from your everyday life. What do think their favorite titles for Jesus might be?
6. Why is it important to understand people's favorite titles for Jesus? How does this knowledge help us share faith with them or help us evangelize them?

People-Homework Challenge

After this session, conduct an informal survey of people from your every day life. Ask them what names of Jesus they might choose or discard from the list.

(You might schedule a time right now to come together again in order to share the results of this informal survey.)

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN— Parish Evangelizing Activities Survey

As schools reopen every year, the **National Safety Council** reminds parents, children, and youth that before crossing a street, they should **STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN**. These words are good advice to Catholic evangelizers who want to bring new evangelization ideas to their pastor and parish. We are going out into the very busy streets of established parish programs, initiatives, committees, and groups. Take this survey and ask around your parish to see what is being done, how well it is working, and where gaps are in everyday parish evangelizing activities.

Individual Activity

(Interview at least 4-6 active parishioners and 1 or 2 parish staff members, if possible)

Ask them to rate the statements below from **1** to **5**, with **1** indicating not happening at all, and **5** indicating yes, done very well. Mark **NA** if this does not apply to your parish's situation. Record their answers on separate copies of this survey.

- _____ We occasionally mail our Church Bulletin or make other mailings to all the households in the parish.
- _____ There is a regular "Visitor's Sunday" or "Open House" so parishioners can bring a friend or relative who is not active in church.
- _____ We make a special welcome to new people at each weekend Liturgy.
- _____ In the church building there is a special place for visitors/new people to sign in or register in the parish.
- _____ We regularly publish a Church Newsletter/Newspaper which we mail to all registered parishioners or to all households in the parish.
- _____ We have a way of identifying new residents in our parish and we reach out to tell them about our parish.
- _____ Programs of the parish (adult faith formation programs, Lenten speakers, special parish services, parish missions or retreats, school and social functions) are advertised in the neighborhood stores, in newspapers, on cable television and radio and via mass e-mails to people.
- _____ Every household in the parish receives a leaflet once a year inviting them to participate in our parish.
- _____ Parish representatives make contact with all hospitalized people who say they're Catholic within the parish's boundaries.
- _____ All registered Catholics are visited regularly in their homes.

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- _____ All homes within the parish boundaries are visited in some way, providing a total parish census. We leave a booklet about the parish, a prayer card or some remembrance with the parish name, address and phone number on it.
- _____ We have a home visitation program for the following groups: kindergarten parents, homebound parishioners, parents of CCD students, family of those in sacramental programs.
- _____ Those who worship at weekend liturgies are greeted at the church doors.
- _____ We have an organized, recognized and advertised parish Evangelization Team or Committee
- _____ In our school we reach out to families who are inactive.
- _____ With regularity we have socials after weekend liturgies.
- _____ At weekend liturgies, we ask for names of people who might welcome a visit from a parish staff member or representative.
- _____ There is group planning about ways to reach out to inactive and alienated Catholics.
- _____ People are encouraged to join the local Separated and Divorced group; we mention when and where they meet.
- _____ Our parish makes use of cable television for a parish-based television program.
- _____ Our parish youth group, senior citizens' group, etc. are open and welcoming, actively reaching out to all neighborhood people.
- _____ The Prayers of the Faithful include the inactive and alienated Catholics, as well as the unchurched.
- _____ Regular intercessory prayer efforts are conducted for the inactive and alienated Catholics.
- _____ Our parish members are regularly encouraged to invite their family, friends, and associates to church activities and Sunday Mass.
- _____ Our parish has at least one ministry that touches upon the felt needs of unchurched people in our area.
- _____ Our parish regularly trains all those and in ministries about how to share their Catholic faith with others in daily life.

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Reflection Questions for Small Group Sharing—4 or 5 people (25-40 mins.)

1. What evangelizing activities are already taking place in the parish?
2. How well are these evangelizing activities going? How can we collaborate with two or three of the good things that God is already doing among us?
3. Where are there gaps with regard to everyday evangelizing activities in the parish?
4. What two or three evangelizing ideas might we explore and propose to fill in the two most prominent gaps in evangelizing activities in the parish?

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Everyday Faith-Sharing Behaviors

Many Catholics realize that evangelization is the essential mission of the Church. Yet, how is it the essential mission of my everyday life? How frequently do I actually engage in concrete evangelizing or faith-sharing activities with people in my home, neighborhood, parish, workplace, or community? What would happen if we used a portion of our regular meetings (10-15 minutes) as committees, organizations, staffs, or ministries for each of us to talk about a recent experience when we attempted to share faith (successes or failures) with an active or inactive Catholic or with someone who is unchurched?

Below is a list of 15 common behaviors that might be opportunities for sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and the Church in daily life. We can use it as a reminder, individually or in small groups, about how we are doing. Some individual reflection or small group sharing questions are listed at the end.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages us, "Each individual Catholic is to look at his or her everyday life from the viewpoint of evangelization. Take note of the many opportunities to support another's faith, to share faith, and to help build up Jesus' kingdom in our homes and workplaces, among our neighbors and friends." (*Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States*, Section 136)

How Many Times Did I Try the Activities Listed Below During the Past Week?

- ___ 1. I tried to establish a friendly relationship with someone whom I didn't know at all or didn't know well
- ___ 2. I visited a stranger (home, hospital, neighborhood or other visit).
- ___ 3. I shared what it means to me to be a Catholic with someone.
- ___ 4. I spoke with high regard of the Catholic Church in general, my own parish or my own parish priests/staff.
- ___ 5. I encouraged someone to turn to or draw closer to God.
- ___ 6. I shared my faith in God with someone.
- ___ 7. I told a "faith story," an incident when I felt God had intervened in my life.
- ___ 8. I assured someone of how much God loves them just the way they are.
- ___ 9. I assured someone of God's power.
- ___ 10. I shared what difference Jesus had made in my life.

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- ___ 11. I prayed with someone privately or in a small group (other than family, prayer groups or parishioners at Mass).
- ___ 12. I prayed with someone, specifically inviting Jesus into his/her life in a more personal and powerful way.
- ___ 13. I invited someone to go to Mass.
- ___ 14. I invited someone to go to a parish meeting or activity other than Mass (including meetings in homes.)
- ___ 15. I encouraged someone to be of service to others.
- ___ **Total Number of Evangelizing Behaviors This Past Week**

Individual Reflection or Small Group Sharing Questions:

- 1. What two or three faith-sharing activities do I generally do the most? Why?**

- 2. What two or three faith-sharing activities do I avoid or do the least? Why?**

- 3. How have my faith-sharing activities changed—increased or decreased over the past few years?**

- 4. Where can I go in the Catholic Church to get training in how to share my faith more frequently in everyday life?**

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Strengths and Weaknesses in Sharing Faith with Others

Individual Activity (5 minutes):

Place the letter representing your present skill or ability in the space before each number below: **A. No present ability**, **B. Low present ability**, **C. Moderate present ability**, or **D. High present ability**.

- _____ 1. Ability to establish rapport, friendship and a hospitable and open climate for sharing my faith with others.
 - _____ 2. Ability to identify another person's needs, problems, current spirituality, and level of conversion or faith development.
 - _____ 3. Ability, through my lifestyle, to present a "silent witness" to my faith. In other words, I practice what I preach (or believe).
 - _____ 4. Ability, to verbalize what my faith in God means to me, how it has changed or affected my life.
 - _____ 5. Ability to discuss with others the basic, central truths of the Gospel.
 - _____ 6. Ability to invite another person into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - _____ 7. Ability to pray with a person who is actually seeking a new or deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - _____ 8. Ability to provide such a person with immediate follow-up (i.e. referral to a priest, counselor, social worker, or community agency, if needed).
 - _____ 9. Ability to invite, introduce, and include a person into my parish faith community (if he/she is not already a member).
 - _____ 10. Ability to introduce him/her to an appropriate small support group (i.e. Bible study, prayer group, young adults, separated/divorced, etc., depending on his or her needs).
 - _____ 11. Ability to peacefully and joyfully share my faith with others in the ways that I can, and not in the ways that I can't—according to my present life and parish situation.
 - _____ 12. Ability to teach or train other Catholics to be able in all the above behaviors.
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Reflection Questions for Small Group Sharing— 4 or 5 people (25-40 mins.)

- **What two or three skills or abilities are my strongest ones? Why?**

- **What two skills or abilities do I most need to grow stronger in? Why?**

- **(Complete the sentence) By doing this exercise, what I have realized about my own skills or ability to share faith is...**

- **Where can I (we) get Catholic evangelization training locally or nationally to grow in the twelve skills or abilities listed above?**

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God Would Like a Word with YOU!

In preparation for the 2008 World Synod of Bishops on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church," Pope Benedict XVI stressed that "the Synod wishes to promote an inspired rediscovery of the Word of God as a *living, piercing* and *active* force in the heart of the Church..." cf. Hebrews 4:12 (Vatican City, March 25, 2007). How can we rediscover that *living, piercing, active* power of the Word of God in our everyday lives? How can we help others realize that "God would like a word with them?"

Individual Activity (10-15 mins.)

In silence, reflect for a few moments about the Bible in your life. Check one box under each statement that expresses your view of the Bible and how God speaks through it. Possible responses run from "Strongly agree" to "Strongly disagree," with an option to check "Undecided."

1. Bible readings during Mass help me to cope with daily life and strife.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

2. Songs and hymns based on Bible passages help me to pray and experience the presence and guidance of Jesus.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

3. As I read the Bible, I notice that the Catholic Mass is rooted in passages from the Old and New Testaments.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

4. I try to read a passage from the Bible or one of the Mass readings daily at home or at work.

strongly agree Agree Disagree strongly disagree Undecided

5. Before I start reading a passage I first pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help me understand what it is saying to me or about me, to us or about us.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

6. I am comfortable using the Bible as part of my personal prayer.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

7. When I read the Bible, I feel called by God to do something to help others.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

8. While reading the Bible I get insights about our modern culture—writing, movies, music, arts, politics, justice, and life.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

9. Reading and studying the Bible helps me to understand our spiritual ancestors and how they struggled to hear and respond to God.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

10. I like to read a few pages of a commentary on the Bible at least weekly.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

11. At times, I get discouraged when reading the Bible. I don't understand what is said.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

12. After reading a Bible passage, I like to write in a notebook those words, phrases, or images that comfort me, challenge me, or leave me with questions.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

13. When I come across verses and phrases that I do not understand in the Bible, I contact a Catholic friend or someone on my parish staff to help me.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

14. I would enjoy being part of a small Bible-centered study or faith sharing group that meets regularly.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

15. I want to take a course at my parish or a center for adult Catholic learning to help me understand the Bible better.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Undecided

Sharing in small groups (3 or 4 people—20 mins.)

1. What three statements above about the Bible did I **most strongly agree** with? Why?
2. What three statements above did I **most strongly disagree** with? Why?
3. How many “**Undecided**” responses did I have? What questions about the Bible has this exercise raised for me?
4. Who can I turn to locally to help me to read, pray, and study the Bible more fully within the Catholic tradition?
5. How can reading, praying, and studying the Bible help me to share my faith with others or to reach out to inactive Catholics and the unchurched?

Take-Home Challenges

- A. Read a chapter or part of a chapter of the Bible each day over the next few years. For instance, start with the New Testament Gospels (Mark, Luke, Matthew, John), then the Acts of the Apostles, followed by the Old Testament Book of Psalms, then Exodus, etc. For a “Simple Bible Reading Guide” for Catholics go to <http://www.presentationministries.com/brochures/BibleReadingGuideIndex.asp>
- B. Use the statements about the Bible (above) to interview three (or more) other Catholics. At the end ask, “What questions about the Bible has this exercise raised for you?” Invite them to join or start a Catholic Bible study group with you to seek some answers. Contact your parish or diocesan offices for help to select from recommended groups or materials, or go to http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/spiritual/scc_scripture.asp.
- C. To better understand a Catholic perspective on the Bible, refer to the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* pp. 23-32, 464, 473-478, and 527-528. The book is available at: <http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?sku=5-450>.

Hospitality: A Parish Self-Evaluation

In the first column, please rate your current assessment of the quality of welcome, invitation, belonging, or hospitality that exists in each of the areas listed below. Use the scale below:

- 1 = Needs help
- 2 = Adequate
- 3 = Excellent

Return to this survey in six months and again in twelve months to re-evaluate hospitality in your parish.

HOSPITALITY	NOW	IN SIX MONTHS	IN TWELVE MONTHS
<i>Date of review</i>	_____	_____	_____
In General			
Hospitality Team			
Planning	_____	_____	_____
Raising Awareness	_____	_____	_____
Training	_____	_____	_____
Evaluation	_____	_____	_____
A parish priority	_____	_____	_____
Training for parishioners	_____	_____	_____
Training for volunteer lay ministers	_____	_____	_____
Attitude of staff	_____	_____	_____
Before Mass			
Church building	_____	_____	_____
Curb appeal	_____	_____	_____
Parking lot	_____	_____	_____
Vestibule	_____	_____	_____
Greeters	_____	_____	_____
Ushers	_____	_____	_____
Pre-Mass welcome	_____	_____	_____
Seating (smile, make room, welcome others in the pew)	_____	_____	_____
Guest Book	_____	_____	_____
During Mass			
Sound system	_____	_____	_____
Temperature	_____	_____	_____
Special seating for the elderly	_____	_____	_____
Handicapped Access	_____	_____	_____
Special aides (e.g. for hearing impaired)	_____	_____	_____

Singing (participation)	_____	_____	_____
Presider(expresses welcome)	_____	_____	_____
Lectors (proclamation)	_____	_____	_____
Homily (inclusive and relevant)	_____	_____	_____
Sign of Peace (participation)	_____	_____	_____
After Mass			
Clergy at exit(s)	_____	_____	_____
Lay ministers at exits	_____	_____	_____
Social (participation)	_____	_____	_____
Staff members present	_____	_____	_____
Guests meeting other parishioners	_____	_____	_____
Follow-up to guests and visitors in place	_____	_____	_____
“Welcome to Our Parish” materials available	_____	_____	_____
Bulletin messages	_____	_____	_____
Outside of Mass			
Receptionists	_____	_____	_____
Reception area	_____	_____	_____
Secretaries	_____	_____	_____
Phone system	_____	_____	_____
“Open door” policy	_____	_____	_____
Meetings	_____	_____	_____
Socials	_____	_____	_____
Directions, signage	_____	_____	_____
New members	_____	_____	_____
Newsletter	_____	_____	_____
Community Relations			
Friendly reputation	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood teams	_____	_____	_____
Small groups	_____	_____	_____
Public relations	_____	_____	_____
Press coverage	_____	_____	_____
Diocese	_____	_____	_____
Neighboring parishes	_____	_____	_____
Civic groups	_____	_____	_____
Ecumenical/Interfaith	_____	_____	_____
Youth	_____	_____	_____
Recognition of professionals, community leaders, etc.	_____	_____	_____



Why is AFF Important?

NACARE, the Network of Archdiocesan/diocesan Contacts of Adult Religious Education has created this resource to assist you and your parish in implementing the vision of *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*. It is our intent to develop additional resources throughout the coming years to enable adult faith formation to become, "the axis around which revolves the catechesis of childhood and adolescence as well as that of old age." OHWB #5

Series 1, Article 1 - What is Adult Faith Formation?

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Please consider using this process with parish adult faith formation teams, catechists for adults, parish pastoral leaders, or parish pastoral council members.

1. OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we ask the guidance of your Holy Spirit upon us as we open our minds and hearts to your presence in our lives, and in our parish community. May we listen to each other today knowing that you are present in each of us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Scripture: Emmaus Story

Now, on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking, and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them. He asked them "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. Then, he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. When he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24: 13-15, 19, 20, 25-27,30-32

Reflection Question:

Recall a moment when you encountered God in your life that left "your heart burning"?

*From Our Hearts
Were Burning*

Within Us

*Adult Faith Formation,
by which people
consciously grow in the
life of Christ through
experience, reflection,
prayer, and study, must
be "the central task in
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becoming "the axis
around which revolves
the catechesis of
childhood and
adolescence as well as
that of old age."*

OHWB #5

2. STORY OF FAITH

Judy was a cradle Catholic who grew up in an increasingly inactive Catholic family. Her father had a bad experience with his pastor growing up, and he always held onto that experience. Her dad also believed that many who attended Sunday Mass were hypocritical in the way they lived. He firmly believed that Church really didn't make a difference. He rarely attended Church and encouraged his family to do the same.

When Judy went off to college, she met her college sweetheart, a young man who took his Catholic faith seriously. As time moved on, they began talking about marriage. Judy realized she wanted to be married in the Catholic Church. She visited the Newman Center to inquire about preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. She soon found herself sharing her faith story with Father Sam, the chaplain. He invited her to join a weekly student-led faith sharing group. During this time, she came to fully appreciate the fullness of the Catholic faith. Judy's journey also helped to invigorate her husband's faith and blessed their relationship. Today, she is an active member of her parish.

Reflection:

What does this story tell you about the role of adult faith formation in one's life?

3. WHY IS ADULT FAITH FORMATION SO IMPORTANT?

If you've read a Catholic periodical or Church document in the last few years, you have more than likely read about Evangelization. Whether the article was on the challenge of adolescent catechesis, reaching out to those who are alienated from the Church, or engaging adults more significantly in faith formation, the topic always seems to come down to a conversation on evangelization.

Evangelization is the primary mission of the Church. Indeed the Church "exists in order to evangelize." (Pope Paul, VI, *On Evangelization in the Modern World* # 10) The work of evangelization requires a mature faith assisted by the ongoing work of adult faith formation. Evangelization is not limited to its former meaning of making Christians out of non-Christians. Rather, there is a new understanding of evangelization that is needed in order to enliven the faith of the already baptized and to invite them into a

personal dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ in and through the Christian community. (*The Mission of Christ the Redeemer* # 33) The *General Directory for Catechesis* (GDC) and the *National Directory for Catechesis* (NDC) clearly place adult faith formation within the framework of evangelization. Evangelization sets the foundation for adult faith formation. Adult Faith Formation seeks to nurture an encounter with the Lord that leads the believer to a deepening conversion, communion and discipleship. Increasing our love for the Lord will naturally move us to learn more about him so we can share him with others.

Here is how the Bishops stated this in *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*:

- Invite and Enable Ongoing Conversion to Jesus in Holiness of Life;
- Promote and Support Active Membership in the Christian Community;
- Call and Prepare Adults to Act as Disciples in Mission to the World.

OHWB #67-73

At the parish level, our challenge is to create opportunities for busy adult Catholics to recognize and further develop their on-going relationship with Jesus Christ. "Adult Faith Formation by which people consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, prayer, reflection and study, must be the central task of the catechetical enterprise."

OHWB #5

Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us states, "Whatever we can do in Catholic parishes and dioceses to encourage lifelong involvement in church life and faith formation will bear fruit in strengthened Christian community and mission." (OHWB # 123) Judy in our story of faith certainly experienced this from her parish community.

Reflection:

Who is looking to you to experience Christ today?

Why do you think Adult Faith Formation is so important?

From the General Directory for Catechesis

"Catechesis, situated in the context of the Church's mission of evangelization and seen as an essential moment of that mission, receives from evangelization a missionary dynamic which deeply enriches it and defines its own identity"
GDC #59

4. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

As a group, reflect on and complete the following chart for your parish.

- Jot down the needs/concerns of each age group in the appropriate box.
- Add to each box how the parish already addresses these needs.

Since this chart will serve as the foundation for future planning, please allow adequate time for this process. (30 – 60 minutes)

	Personal Encounter Invite & enable ongoing conversion to Jesus in Holiness of Life	Community Promote & support active membership in the Christian Community	Mission Call and prepare adults to act as disciples in mission to the world.
ADULTS (ages 19-35)			
ADULTS (ages 35-60)			
ADULTS (ages 60 and older)			

How can the *National Directory for Catechesis* quote, on the following page, guide our efforts to integrate these needs/concerns into our future adult faith formation planning/programming?

5. CLOSING PRAYER

God, our Father, you call us to open our hearts to your Spirit. May we continue to be a living example of Christ in this world, and come to appreciate your presence more in our lives through our time gathered at this meeting. Help us to share what we have experienced here with our family and friends so your light can truly be present in our world today. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

6. SUGGESTION FOR FOLLOW-UP

Consider implementing faith sharing at all parish meetings on the upcoming Sunday Gospel with this format:

Make the sign of the cross.

Step 1: One person proclaims the Gospel. Participants answer the questions,
"What do you SEE in the Gospel?"

What image or picture comes to mind? Share with the group.

Step 2: Another person reads the Gospel, again.
This time answer the questions,

"What do you HEAR in the Gospel?"

What phrase or word stands out more clearly than another?
Tell the group.

Step 3: Read the Gospel again. Connect what you HEARD
with what you SAW in the Gospel.

Answer the questions,
"What do I need to DO to follow Jesus better?"

"How can I connect the Gospel to my daily life?" Discuss.

Conclude with intercessions and the Lord's Prayer.

RESOURCES:

- *General Directory for Catechesis*, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops; Copyright 1997. Order Number: 1-800-235-8722
- *National Directory for Catechesis*, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, Copyright 2005.
- *Nurturing Adult Faith; A Manual for Parish Leaders*, National Conference for Catechetical Leadership; Copyright 2003, Order number: 202-636-3826
- *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops; Copyright 1999
- *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, Copyright 2006.
- www.CNAFF.org

*From the National Directory
for Catechesis*

*"To be effective ministers of adult
faith formation we will first, like
Jesus, join people in their daily
concerns and walk side by side with
them on the pathway of life. We will
ask questions and listen attentively
as they speak of their joys, hopes,
grief, and anxieties.*

*Most adults are capable of a free
and informed response of faith to
God's initiative of love. They have a
right and a duty to bring to maturity
the seed of faith sown in them by
God.*

*The catechesis of adults... is the
principal form of catechesis, because
it is addressed to persons who have
the greatest responsibilities and the
capacity to live the Christian
message in its fully developed form."*

NDC # 48

- 9.) **Do A Better Job of Integrating RCIA into the Parish Community**
- Throughout the process! We can do more than just trot them out for dismissals and milestone rites.
 - This would enrich parishioners and RCIA participants, alike.
 - Beyond mystagogia, continue to mentor and integrate those initiated. (50% attrition among those initiated very quickly!)
- 10.) **Look at *Everything* as Relational/Evangelizing Opportunity**
- Every phone call, every late registration, every bereavement process, every marriage process, all scouting, sports, social service events...and everything relating to the parish school.
- 11.) **Utilize Effective Marketing Principles**
- ie.) Get away from calling anything related to adult faith formation a "class".
 - Create multiple exposures via multiple means.
 - Don't forget to use personal invitation...often most effective.
 - Using the bulletin alone is akin to preaching to the choir.
- 12.) **Allocate Parish Resources More Effectively, More Justly**
- Requires vision, creativity and courage.
 - The change in ministry alignment and financial support may need to be radical.
- 13.) **Don't Shy From the Gospel's Challenging, Prophetic Message**
- Create service and outreach opportunities for all ages, with a focus that reaches beyond the parish.
- 14.) **Take Advantage of Technology to Help Build Community**
- Websites and email are incredibly powerful and helpful, and yet just a part of the possibilities.
 - Don't dismiss technology in strengthening the relational dynamics in a parish...they can!
- 15.) **Understand Your People and the Culture They Live In**
- Listen to them, love them...build ministry according to their needs, with, of course, Catholic faith in Jesus Christ always underpinning and giving focus to it all.

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(A handout from a talk given at the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership '07 national conference.)

Elements in Building A Renewed and Evangelizing Parish

- 1.) **Great Liturgy**
 - Not just what we do, but who we *are* as Body of Christ!
- 2.) **Effective Welcoming/Intentional Orientation Process into Parish**
 - Lots of possibilities: ie.) welcome dinner...meet staff and parishioners; create system of mentor relationships...person to person, family to family
- 3.) **Staff and Parish Leadership Find Common Vision and Mission**
 - Synergistic collaboration...GOOD! Turfism...BAD!
- 4.) **Create Small Community Dynamics**
 - Be intentional in design so as to minimize the chance of “enclaves” forming.
 - Small communities must always be understood as existing within the larger parish context.
- 5.) **Develop Meaningful (Experience-laden) Adult Ministry (Pastoral, Social Justice, Spirituality...)**
 - Adult ministry should be developed with an eye toward starting with experience and designing mystagogical catechesis off of the experience. (The same can be said for child and youth catechesis.)
- 6.) **Create an “Investment” Culture within the Parish**
 - Where it is expected, natural and life-giving to share one’s talent and time.
- 7.) **Orient Everything Toward and in Relation To Sunday Liturgy**
 - ie.) Lectionary-based, liturgical prayer for all meetings, all faith formation sessions, all sporting events, etc. Calendar and schedule in accord with and not in competition with weekend Masses.
- 8.) **Place Tremendous Emphasis on Parent Faith Formation**
 - Pull out all the stops, especially for Baptism and then Eucharist!
 - Make Eucharist and eucharistic lifestyle a focal point for all sacramental formation...for all ages.
 - Speak to parents “where they live”...help them make connections between life and faith.

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ANSWERING THE CALL OF JESUS CHRIST: A HEART, A COMPAS, A CROSS (Order Number: EVXX0023) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)
Time Running: 15 Min
Rating / Age Category: JSA
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 1999
Presenter:
Publisher: Archdiocese of St. Louis
Distributor: Archdiocese of St. Louis

The Archdiocese of St. Louis reflects on the papal visit by John Paul II, in 1997, in the spirit of hope. The message of the pope threads the call of evangelization, catechesis, praxis, and call to be true to the Catholic tradition of Christianity.

BECAUSE WE ARE DISCIPLES (Order Number: EVXX0000) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)
Time Running: 12 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1992
Presenter:
Publisher: USCC
Distributor: USCC

Intended as a companion piece to the U.S. Bishop's pastoral plan for evangelization, "Go and make disciples: A national plan and strategy for Catholic evangelization in the United States." Persons living the principle concepts of the plan describe who they are living their Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus. Fr. Jim Fitzgerald and parishioners of St. Joseph's Church in Downers Grove contribute to this colorful and beautifully integrated testimony to the joy and enthusiasm engendered by people on fire with the Spirit. Good for evangelization committees and all groups interested in a living, active faith.

BOX, THE (Order Number: PSXX0003) VHS

Format: Theatrical (VHS)
Time Running: 18 Min
Rating / Age Category: SA
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1976
Presenter:
Publisher: Mass Media Ministries
Distributor: MASS MEDIA MINISTRIES

Through mime we observe one man's depiction of the entrapments of life without God. The carefree spirit of childhood is usurped and the "box" becomes the reality. The assumed roles of education, military enlistment, readjustment, drug dependency, eastern mysticism, and the American dream are consecutively portrayed as the experience of the youth of the 70's. As the box closes in, all life is exhausted. Just when death seems immanent, the man discovers prayer and renewal of life.

BRINGING CHRIST TO MY EVERYDAY WORLD (*series name*)

Evangelization in charismatic style. Taped at the classes taught at the Charismatic Congress on World Evangelization. Intended as a tool to prepare Catholics in the Church's mission of evangelization.

PART 1 (Order Number: EVXX0001) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 90 Min
Rating / Age Category: A

Copyright: 1991
Publisher: Chariscenter
Study Guide: yes

VISION OF CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION CHRIST AND CHURCH WHOM DO I BRING TO JESUS? ART OF EVANGELISTIC LISTENING

PART 2 (Order Number: EVXX0002) VHS **Time Running:** 90 Min

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CHRIST WITNESSING IN DAILY LIFE HOW TO GIVE YOUR PERSONAL WITNESS SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

PART 3 (Order Number: EVXX0003) VHS **Time Running:** 90 Min

INVITATION AND COMMITMENT TO JESUS MEETING MISSION: GO! MAKE DISCIPLES

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CALL TO BE CHURCH (Order Number: EVXX0004) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 60 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1987
Presenter: Avery Dulles, Clare Fitzgerald
Publisher: Adult Education Institute
Distributor: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OFFICE, DIOCESE OF JOLIET

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD - Avery Dulles, SJ, describes the Church as a "community of disciples". THE CHURCH OF THE THIRD CHRISTIAN MILLENIUM - Clare Fitzgerald, SSND foresees this period to be vastly different from the Church that we have known. There is a new church and a new world in the making and we must be ready to take an active part in the shaping of the two.

CATHOLIC UPDATE (*series name*)

This resource series is designed for use in RCIA, catechist formation, sacramental programs for parents, faith-sharing groups and youth ministry. Each episode is composed of four segments: story, witness, teachings and music reflection. Some segments can stand alone.

WHAT MAKES US CATHOLIC: DISCOVERING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY (Order Number: SRGX0013) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 30 Min
Rating / Age Category: SA
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1997
Presenter:
Publisher: St. Anthony Messenger Press
Distributor: St. Anthony Messenger Press

Staff at WMIH in Cleveland attempt to program for Catholics throughout each broadcast day, working elements of our Catholic identity into the program. Witness segment features non-practicing Catholic and her journey back to the Church. Teaching segment on sacramental spirituality and Mariology are discussed in light of ordinary living. Music segment, "Without Seeing You" David Haas.

CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE, THE (Order Number: EVXX0006) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)
Time Running: 29 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 1992
Presenter:
Publisher: ITP Paulist Communications
Distributor:

This video depicts the personal testimonies of Catholics who live their faith through unique ministerial commitments. A senior couple sharing their lives in local missions, a middle-aged man serving the physically-impaired and a woman assisting Spanish-speaking immigrants with daily concerns presented. A unique approach to ministering to the "unchurched" serves as the conclusion to this innovative presentation to the current Church formation.

CHAMPIONS OF FAITH : BASEBALL EDITION (Order Number: PSXX0141) DVD

Format: Reflection (DVD)
Time Running: 65 Min
Rating / Age Category: MJSA
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 2007
Presenter: John Morales
Publisher: Catholic Exchange
Distributor: Oblate Media

Professional baseball players tell their experiences with their Catholic faith on and off the field. Ozzie Guillen, A.J. Pierzynski, Mark Prior, Juan Pierre, Mike Sweeney, Sandy Alomar Sr. and Jr., Jack McKeon are just a few players, coaches and managers including music from Bob Dylan. John Morales narrates this great connection of love for the sport and love of faith. Any catechetical setting, men's ministries, youth groups and young adult programs.

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CHURCH '90: CONFRONTING TODAY'S PASTORAL QUESTIONS: WHAT'S REALLY WORKING IN ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? (Order Number: EVXX0007) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 90 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1990
Presenter: James J. Murnion
Publisher: National Pastoral Life Center
Distributor: CTNA

Without promising a final solution, a nationwide video conference attempts to discover the prevailing theories, popular approaches, kinds of settings and types of content that are currently enjoying the most success within adult catechesis.

CHURCH IN THE WORLD: VATICAN II (Order Number: EVXX0008) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 60 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 1987
Presenter: Cardinal John Dearden
Publisher: Adult Education Institute
Distributor: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Dearden proposes that the involvement of the Church in the world is one of the striking themes of the Second Vatican Council. It identifies and interprets the signs of the times. These realities help to shape the response that the church makes to people of our age.

CHURCH WITHOUT BORDERS (Order Number: EVXX0024) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)
Time Running: 60 Min
Rating / Age Category: SA
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 2001
Presenter:
Publisher: USCC
Distributor: USCC

This video examines the experiences of young people for the U.S. and Latin America who share their faith. Through creative interactive missionary programs in both regions, one goal of these programs is to establish active lay ministry. A brief history of the missionary movement is presented.

DISCOVERING GOD'S FINGERPRINTS IN OUR LIVES (Order Number: EVXX0010) VHS

Format: Reflection (VHS)
Time Running: 60 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 1991
Presenter:
Publisher: Conference of National Council for Catholic Evangelization
Distributor:

Ways that evangelization occurs within families are addressed. "You have indelible fingerprint of God on you and each one is unique. It is the potential God has given which needs to be offered to others." Encouragement and guidance in family spirituality for today.

EDGE TV (*series name*)

Magazine style presentation of themes appropriate to and profiling high school students. Format is fast moving and attractive; a great alternative to fundamentalist resources. Very home/group-friendly resource. Themes are contemporary and discussion is biblically based, so young people will be attracted. Infuse ideas from our traditions to offer a complete curriculum for youth.

#22) NUMBING OUT (Order Number: YMGX0027) VHS

Format: TV Magazine (VHS)
Time Running: 30 Min
Rating / Age Category: JS
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1997
Publisher: Maria Press
Distributor: EDGE TV

So You Want to be a Christian? - Misconception of being a Christian are presented in a whimsical A woman share how Christ helped them through a parent's depression. Word on the Street - Kids talk about the dynamics and challenges of youth group. They can be "lifesavers."

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Lexicon-o-rama - Youth given their views on "New Testament", "Holy Spirit", and "Sanctification"
The Message: Unforced Rhythms - A dancer can't get the steps. It only when he lets go, and lets God, does he discover the inner strength to achieve.

FAITH ON A TIGHTROPE (Order Number: EVXX0011) VHS

Format: Interactive (VHS)
Time Running: 43 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: yes

Copyright:
Presenter:
Publisher: Office of Communion of the Episcopal Church
Distributor:

The thrust of this video is to present the tension between privatized faith and public response. How does one bridge the gap between the sacred and the secular. Insights by Martin Marty and Robert Bellah are validated by comments of the wider public. Recognition of the need for change, redesignation of ministerial concerns, and reevaluation of tradition are discussed by two commentators. A second session focuses on responses by a panel audience. The video serves as a platform for discussion.

GOD'S PEOPLE SHARING THE KINGDOM - A CHALLENGE FOR THE PARISH (Order Number: EVXX0012) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 125 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 1990
Presenter:
Publisher: CTNA
Distributor: CTNA

This video explores the development of adult formation and evangelization. Sporadic faith sharing testimonies occur throughout the presentation accompanied by commentary from Bishop John Cummins of Oakland. A question / answer session concludes the presentation.

INACTIVE CATHOLICS (Order Number: EVXX0013) VHS

Format: Reflection (VHS)
Time Running: 30 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1988
Presenter:
Publisher: Liguori Publications
Distributor: LIGUORI

Personal interviews with people who have left the Church and later accepted Fr. McKee's invitation to "come home". Understand why some Catholics become inactive, what can - and can't - be done to draw people back to the Church, and how active Catholics can maintain loving, non-judgmental relationships.

INVITATION WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED - WHEN THE ONES YOU LOVE LEAVE THE CHURCH (Order Number: EVXX0027) VHS

Format: Reflection (VHS)
Time Running: 13 Min
Rating / Age Category: SA
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 2002
Presenter: Father John Murray, C.Ss.R.
Publisher: Liguori Publishers
Distributor: Liguori Publishers

There are 17,000,000 non-practicing Catholics, and almost every Catholic has a friend or family member who has left the Church. This video is for people who would like to invite those friends and family members back to the Church. Many of these inactive Catholics often feel that something is missing from their life. This brief, but powerful video is an invitation to come back home to the family of faith.

JOSHUA (Order Number: FFRF0031) VHS

Format: Drama (VHS)
Time Running: 90 Min
Rating / Age Category: A-I G
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 2001
Publisher: Artisan/Family Home Entertainment
Distributor: Oblate Media and Communications

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Based on the novel by Joseph Girzone of a story of what might happen if Jesus, going by the name Joshua, were to show up in middle America. Modern parable of how compassion and charity can transform our modern world. Tony Goldwyn, F. Murray Abraham and Giancarlo Giannini. Great for Evangelization and Reconciliation.

JUGGLER OF NOTRE DAME (Order Number: YMSX0067) VHS

Format: Drama (VHS)	Copyright: 1982
Time Running: 48 Min	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: JS	Publisher: Paulist Press
Study Guide: yes	Distributor: PAULIST PRESS

Modern version of the classic medieval folk tale, starring Carl Carlsson, Patrick Collins, Melinda Dillon and Merlin Olsen. Barnaby, a great circus juggler is roaming the country side earning a meek living since the death of his wife in a tragic fall. A street traveler named Sparrow adores him and his magnificent talent of juggling; he befriends Barnaby who teaches him how to juggle and perform with him, and brings joy into their lives. Sparrow is killed by thieves and Barnaby is thrown into a deeper despair, rejects God and swears he'll never juggle again. As Barnaby wanders he comes into a community of dedicated Christians who are rebuilding their earthquake ruined church. For Christmas eve mass all of the community is going to give the Virgin Mary a personal gift. He has nothing to give until he discovers his own unique gift, unlike that of anyone else.

LIFE AND FAITH OF YOUNG ADULTS (Order Number: EVXX0015) VHS

Format: Interactive (VHS)	Copyright: 1989
Time Running: 90 Min	Presenter: Paul Henderson
Rating / Age Category: A	Publisher: Don Bosco Multimedia
Study Guide: no	Distributor: USCC

This panel of nationally-renowned ministers of adult ministry focuses on the definition of this group and the issues of young adults. This presentation hopes to build a foundation for young adult ministries. Real life footage, young adult interaction and commentary are integrated.

LIVING WATERS OF CHARISMATIC REVIVAL (Order Number: EVXX0022) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)	Copyright: 1998
Time Running: 10 Min	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: A	Publisher: Key of David Publications
Study Guide: yes	Distributor: Key of David Publications

This video introduces the learner to the dynamics of the charismatic revival. Gifts of the Spirits are presented: tongues, holy laughter, simple prophecy and healing.

MAN CALLED NORMAN, A (Order Number: MWXX0055) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)	Copyright: 1988
Time Running: 50 Min	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: JSA	Publisher: Focus on the Family
Study Guide: no	Distributor: FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Speaker Mike Adkins brings the commandment of loving your neighbor to new awareness by his humorous and heartwarming story of how two men found inner beauty in each other. Taped from Mike's stage performance combined with real action scenes, it is very enjoyable.

MANO CON MANO-STORIES OF SOLIDARITY (Order Number: EVXX0025) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)	Copyright: 2000
Time Running: 30 Min	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: JSA	Publisher: Maryknoll World Productions
Study Guide: yes	Distributor: Maryknoll World Productions

Two US couples document their experiences in post-war El Salvador. Personal testimonies, these persons are presented.

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METHODS AND STRATEGIES FOR EVANGELIZATION (Order Number: EVXX0016) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 78 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 1987
Presenter: Pat Brennan
Publisher: Credence Cassettes
Distributor: CRENDENCE CASSETTES

RCIA provides a model for evangelizing many types of unchurched people. This video offers suggestions on ways to reach out to the unchurched and the alienated.

MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA (Order Number: EVXX0026) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)
Time Running: 30 Min
Rating / Age Category: JSA
Study Guide: no

Copyright: 2002
Presenter:
Publisher: Mary Mother of God Mission Society
Distributor: Mary Mother of God Mission Society

A glimpse into Russia's reconversion to Catholicism after 70 years of socialism. Rev. Daniel Maurer and others tell of the prayers, hopes and resurgence of the Catholic Religion in Russia since the end of government control on it's people's religious freedom. Parishioners share their hopes and dreams of the Catholic faith and what it means to them.

MUSIC BOX (Order Number: EVXX0017) VHS

Format: Drama (VHS)
Time Running: 28 Min
Rating / Age Category: SA
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1980
Presenter:
Publisher: White Lion Pictograph
Distributor: MASS MEDIA

This delightful allegory takes place in a dreary, humdrum setting which is lightened and enlivened by a group of singing angels who give a bored laborer the gift of a magic box and the story of a loving king. He experiences great joy and new meaning in life and gradually learns that this magic box and story are meant to be shared with others.

OUT OF THE TOMBS (Order Number: YMGX0046) VHS

Format: Music (VHS)
Time Running: 9 Min
Rating / Age Category: JS
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1994
Presenter:
Publisher: American Bible Society
Distributor: AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

This modern rendition of the story of the man possessed by Legion envelops the use of subliminal undertones, modern interpretative movement, and intense audio technology. Winner of the HIFF Gold Special Jury Award and the CINE Golden Eagle Award, this video attempts to give contemporary significance to the horror of alienation from God, the solace of God's healing power and the fervor of evangelization. Note that this video is rather intense. It captures the emotion of the possession and the relief of salvation.

RE - IMAGING THE PARISH (Order Number: EVXX0018) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)
Time Running: 25 Min
Rating / Age Category: A
Study Guide: yes

Copyright: 1993
Presenter:
Publisher: Fisher Productions
Distributor:

Fr. Patrick Brennan, of the Archdiocese of Chicago, reflects on the process of parish renewal. Addressed are concerns such as grief, anger, ecclesial portrayals, parish ministry, and the ultimate need for a self-evaluation of the parish community. Brennan paints a portrait of a dying church and one awaiting rebirth. These reflections can serve as a foundation for parish assessment and evaluation.

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STORY, THE (*series name*)

Sacred scripture, sacred art, and music is woven throughout to connect ordinary to the sacred. Personal stories help to spiritually illuminate and bring a connection to "The Story" God's Family and His plan for our salvation. Give purpose, destiny to our lives, clarity and order to a confused world within a spiritual context to people searching, effective for evangelization, or enriching Catholic Faith. RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Personal Journey, Catechetical Formation or Catechist Training.

FACILITATION GUIDE (Order Number: EVXX0030) Book

Format: Companion Material (Book)	Copyright: 2003
Time Running:	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: A	Publisher: Diocese Of Sioux Falls
Study Guide: no	Distributor: Diocese of Sioux Falls

Scripture suggestions, prayer suggestions and study/reflection/sharing questions.

MUSIC CD (Order Number: EVXX0029) Music CD

Format: Reflection (Music CD)	Copyright: 2003
Time Running:	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: A	Publisher: Diocese Of Sioux Falls
Study Guide: no	Distributor: Diocese of Sioux Falls

Music CD to accompany series

VIDEO (Order Number: EVXX0028) VHS

Format: Reflection (VHS)	Copyright: 2003
Time Running: 70 Min	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: A	Publisher: Diocese Of Sioux Falls
Study Guide: no	Distributor: Diocese of Sioux Falls

Five session presentation. Session I) Overview 36 Min. all sessions presented. Session II) Story is Our Story/Creation: 9Min. Session III) Sin & Promise 12 Min. Session IV: Redemption 10 Min. Session V: Salvation/Story Continues: 11 Min.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: INTRODUCTION TO: GOD, JESUS, CHURCH & MORAL LIVING (Order Number: EVXX0019) VHS

Format: Instructional (VHS)	Copyright: 1988
Time Running: 120 Min	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: A	Publisher: ACTA
Study Guide: yes	Distributor: ACTA

Based on the Theology-On-Tap program, this video offers an introduction to question prevalent among young adults. Talks include: 1) RECOGNIZING GOD IN EVERYDAY EVENTS - John Cusick 2) THE CHALLENGE OF JESUS - Pat Brennan 3) WHY BOTHER WITH THE CHURCH - Charles Schutte 4) YOUNG ADULTS AND MORALITY - John Horan

VATICAN II - THIRD MILLENNIUM "CIVILIZATION OF LOVE" (*series name*)

Popular, yet sophisticated presentation on a theological theme of particular importance linking the themes with the Second Vatican Council. Scholarly presentation, original and contemporary footage develop the theme.

EVANGELIZATION (Order Number: CTXX0054) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)	Copyright: 1988
Time Running: 30 Min	Presenter:
Rating / Age Category: SA	Publisher: Hallel Communications

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Study Guide: no

Distributor:

After World War II, the foreign mission efforts of the Church were confronted by the growing nationalism of Third World countries. The particular cultures of these people had to be taken into consideration in proclaiming the gospel. After Vatican II, it was realized that extensive evangelization was required even among those who call themselves Catholics. Recent pastorals of the U.S. Bishops on peace and on the economy are an outgrowth of Vatican II. This emphasis by the Church on its counter-cultural dimension, on issues of peace and justice, remains a challenge for many American Catholics.

VOICES OF THE CATHOLIC COMMON GROUND: INTRODUCTION TO THE CATHOLIC COMMON GROUND INITIATIVE (Order Number: EVXX0021) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)

Copyright: 1997

Time Running: 18 Min

Presenter:

Rating / Age Category: A

Publisher: RCL

Study Guide: no

Distributor: RCL

This video presents a background and understanding of the Common Ground Initiative. Beginning with footage of Cardinal Bernardin and his version of this inclination. Bishop Lipscomb resounds a commitment of the process of reconciliation between Catholics and space where Catholics listen to one another.

WIDOW'S MITE, THE (Order Number: SRRX0014) VHS

Format: Drama (VHS)

Copyright: 1978

Time Running: 26 Min

Publisher: St. Anthony Messenger Press

Rating / Age Category: A

Distributor: St. Anthony Messenger Press

Study Guide: yes

This true story of Leung Ho an elderly Chinese widow and resident of Hong Kong is a companion piece intended to teach the meaning and significance of baptism. Leung, a homeless widow living in a damp hallway, teaches Fr. Ron Saucci, a Maryknoll missionary the true meaning of faith, baptism, trust in God, service, love of others and the values of Christian living by her life of quiet service and cheerful positive determination to see beyond the daily difficulties of her hard life.

YOU CAN'T DO THAT IN CHURCH (Order Number: EVXX0020) VHS

Format: Documentary (VHS)

Copyright: 1984

Time Running: 30 Min

Presenter:

Rating / Age Category: A

Publisher: United Methodist Board of

Study Guide: no

Discipleship

Distributor: DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

Ordinary people talk about the multiple ways that they act according to their faith in the places where they live, work, and socialize.