



NEWMAN INSTITUTE

KNOWING, LOVING AND SHARING THE FAITH

New Evangelization Session 1: Disciples Called to Witness

TIME	ACTIVITY	GOAL(S)	CONTENT
5 min.	Introduction	Preview session themes: the baptismal call to holiness, conversion and mission, and the new evangelization	Question of the session: How has Christ called me, and what is my mission?
10 min.	Opening Prayer	Explore practical methods for leading prayer and organizing catechetical activities	Shared <i>Lectio divina</i> on Mt 28:19-20
15 min.	Paired Activity	Give personal witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ, sharing in the mission of the Church; relate feedback to the theme of New Evangelization and the baptismal call to holiness and to mission	Sharing the story of our personal faith journeys, with partners and then with the whole group
20 min.	<u>Theme #1:</u> Sharing Salvation Today	Share the basic proclamation of the Gospel; explore the responsibility of all baptized Catholics to spread the Good News and to advance the Church's mission	Talk with Powerpoint slides; video clip from Fr. Barron's New Evangelization
20 min.	Standing Activity	Create a Billboard which would address the basic proclamation of the Good News and/or the "essential elements" of the faith which people today need to hear	How would you share the faith today, using a catchy slogan and a non-linguistic image
20 min.	<u>Theme #2:</u> Disciples Called to Witness	Discuss the cultural context for the new evangelization, as well as its historical and theological roots, by reviewing the USCCB's document (DCW)	Talk with powerpoint slides; video clip of Skit Guys: "I Believe in Jesus"
15 min.	Small Group Activity	Discuss questions you have about the call for a new evangelization? What challenges do you foresee as a "disciple called to witness" in your daily life?	Collect participants responses, and address any closing questions
10 min.	Review	Reflect on the opening question (How has Christ called me, and what is my mission?), and decide on one personal "take-away"	1) Complete session evaluation, with "personal take-aways"; 2) Preview recommended follow-up reading (USCCA, ch. 2, "God Comes to Meet Man"), and resources; 3) Fr. Barron's "new evangelization" series
5 min.	Closing Prayer	Explore practical methods for leading prayer, utilizing a variety of types of Christian prayer	Renewal of Baptismal Promises