

# Resources: Mission and Discipleship

## Tools, coaching organizations, training organizations

### Assessment tools:

- Disciple Maker Index from Catholic Leadership Institute, engagement measuring data (\$): <https://www.catholicleaders.org/disciple-maker-index>
- CARA Parish Life surveys, very similar to above, adaptable (\$\$): <https://cara.georgetown.edu/caraservices/PASS.html>
- Or Do It Yourself surveys, focus groups (free): <https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionary-discipleship/town-parish.html>

### Coaching/consulting organizations to *support parish planning for adult discipleship and mission*:

- Parish Success Group (creating a cohort in Fall 2020?) – assesses, data crunching, responds to your requested needs with options and support
- The Amazing Parish (conference Oct 2020, Kansas City MO) – building organizational health for mission
- L'Alto Catholic Institute – works on mission re-focus within a parish over time, parish culture focus
- Rebuilt (conference April 2020) – focuses on structural overhaul for mission (coaching is not personal)
- Divine Renovation (conference June 2020) – focuses on structural overhaul for mission (coaching is not personal)
- M3 Ministries – mission refocus through addressing parish culture
- Acts XXIX
- Catholic Missionary Disciples – focuses strongly on making disciples and teaching how to make disciples from leadership to the street

Forming intentional disciples: The Path to knowing and following Jesus, Sherry Wedderburn  
(Catherine of Siena Institute)

### Pre-evangelization (establishing healthy, person-first relationships)

- Deliberate hospitality initiatives: Look Who's Coming To Dinner, New Parishioners Wine and Cheese welcomes, after mass coffee/donuts
- Daycare centers
- Financial Peace University
- Community meals or other free hospitality
- Host community events in line with our mission as Catholic Christians (parenting events, recovery groups, etc.)
- Blessing of runners' shoes before town races, etc., participation in local parades
- Be present in the community in obvious ways
- Be open (and happy) that you are a disciple of Christ

### Evangelization (proclamation and invitation process)

- Alpha in a Catholic Context
  - Discovering Christ (ChristLife)
  - Sycamore (Catholic from UK, similar to Alpha)
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- Cursillo/Christian Experience retreats
  - Life in the Spirit Seminars
  - Evangelical Catholic
  - Catholic Evangelization Outreach
  - St. Paul Street Evangelization basic parish training
  - Light of the World Evangelization Ministries (retreats plus coaching model)

- Theology on Tap
- The Wild Goose and Metanoia series (also evangelization)
- Marian consecration (*33 Days to Morning Glory*)
- Women: Walking with Purpose, MOPS, Endow
- Men: That Man is You, Exodus 90
- Spiritual direction/Ignatian exercises/19<sup>th</sup> annotation work
- Called and Gifted seminars (discerning gifts for vocation)

## Apostolate growth

All the ways of service under the sun, but ask:

- Is it relational? How?
- Does it come from the love of Jesus Christ, offered to all?
- What is needed in this local community? How do we serve the global community? How do we best serve real needs? How do we discern hidden needs?
- How do we discern who should be invited into different apostolates?
- How do we help those in apostolates link their discipleship to the Lord and their love of neighbor?
- How do we help people in apostolates share their faith naturally?

## Further Resources to 1) inspire, 2) educate your parish

- St. Paul Evangelization Institute: esp. the Hospitality Workshop
- Free Parish Missions (contact Susan)
- “Welcome” parish mission (formerly Christ Renews His Parish), Dynamic Catholic
- “The 99” (Ascension Press, video-based parish mission, includes parish leaders training and suggestions for follow up)

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