

If I, therefore, the Master and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you ought to wash
one another's feet. I have given you a model
to follow, so that as I have done for you,
you should also do. JOHN 13:14-15

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opening prayer

Gracious and merciful God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit all Catholics may hear the call of the New Evangelization and seek a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus.

We pray that the New Evangelization will renew the Church, inspiring all Catholics to “go forth and make disciples of all nations,” and transform society through the power of the Gospel.

We pray for all members of the Church, that we heed the words of Christ - “do not be afraid” - and strengthened by the Holy Spirit’s gift of courage, give witness to the Gospel and share our faith with others.

We pray that we may become like the father of the prodigal son - filled with compassion for our missing brothers and sisters - and run to embrace them upon their return.

We pray that all people yearning to know Christ and the Church may encounter him through the faithful who witness to his love in their lives.

Loving God, our Father, strengthen us to become witnesses to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FROM **DISCIPLES CALLED TO WITNESS: THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**
USCCB, 2012

session objectives

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- † Define Catholic evangelization.
- † Identify the biblical and Church connections to evangelization.
- † Explain the New Evangelization.
- † Identify the current cultural trends and key target groups of evangelization.
- † Describe the evangelization cycle and related strategies for evangelization.
- † Organize an effective evangelization team.
- † Identify a variety of important evangelization resources.

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when you hear the word evangelization, what comes to mind?

WHAT ARE SOME NEGATIVE IMAGES AND WHAT MAKES THEM NEGATIVE?

WHAT ARE SOME POSITIVE IMAGES AND WHAT MAKES THEM POSITIVE?

WHAT IS THE IMAGE OF EVANGELIZATION FOR YOU (POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE) AND WHY?

how does Jesus evangelize?

† **WHAT DOES HE DO? WHAT DOESN'T HE DO?**

† **JESUS IS ALWAYS OUR PERFECT MODEL FOR EVANGELIZATION...
FOLLOW HIM!**

† **EVANGELIZATION...DOING WHAT JESUS DOES**

- Live out of a deep personal relationship with the Father.
- Reach out primarily to "outsiders" without judgment.
- Proclaim God's Good News in word and action.
- Invite people to a new way of living in God's ways.
- Call, form and equip a community of disciples.
- Give your life in service and sacrifice for the world.

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A DEFINITION OF CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION

† CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION IS...

- Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, in the community of the Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, inviting personal conversion and intentional discipleship, through witness and proclamation, for the transformation of the world.

PROCLAIMING THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM

- “Evangelization will always contain—as the foundation, center and at the same time the summit of its dynamism—a clear proclamation that, in Jesus Christ...salvation is offered to all people, as a gift of God's grace and mercy.” (Paul VI, *On Evangelization in the Modern World*, 27)

IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH

- “The Church serves the kingdom by spreading throughout the world the “gospel values” which are an expression of the kingdom and which help people to accept God's plan.” (John Paul II, *Mission of the Redeemer*, 20)

THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- “It is the Spirit who opens people's hearts so that they can believe in Christ and confess him.” (John Paul II, *Mission of the Redeemer*, 46)

INVITING PERSONAL CONVERSION AND INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

- “The proclamation of the Word of God has Christian conversion as its aim; a complete and sincere adherence to Christ and his Gospel through faith.” (John Paul II, *Mission of the Redeemer*, 46)

THROUGH WITNESS (LIVING THE FAITH)

- "...for the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life, given over to God in a communion that nothing should destroy and at the same time given to one's neighbor with limitless zeal." (Paul VI, On Evangelization in the Modern World, 41)

AND THROUGH PROCLAMATION (SHARING THE FAITH)

- "Preaching, the verbal proclamation of the message, is indeed always indispensable." (Paul VI, On Evangelization in the Modern World, 42)
- "In the long run, is there any other way of handing on the Gospel than by transmitting to another person one's personal experience of faith?" (Paul VI, On Evangelization in the Modern World, 46)

FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

- "For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new: "Now I am making the whole of creation new" (Rev. 21:5). (Paul VI, On Evangelization in the Modern World, 18)

what evangelization is NOT (avoiding evangelization pitfalls)

† EVANGELIZATION DOES NOT TRICK OR FORCE

It is not manipulation, proselytism, arguing, shaming, sheep-stalking, showiness or filling the pews.

† EVANGELIZATION IS NOT SHY

It is not self-consciousness, laziness, introverted, being confused, uncertain or uninformed.

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THE BIBLICAL AND CHURCH ROOTS OF EVANGELIZATION

† GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF EVANGELIZATION

- Evangelization is as old as God and comes from God!
- Since the beginning of time, God has been evangelizing us by bringing us the Good News of love and relationship, in a covenant community, through mighty power and mighty deeds, inviting the response of conversion, faith, and discipleship, through his words and deeds, for the renewal of the world.

† THE BIBLE AS THE RECORD OF GOD'S EVANGELIZATION

- The Bible is the story of God's evangelizing relationship with us.
- We call God's evangelizing action with us over time: Salvation History.
- God's evangelization reached the highpoint in Jesus.
- By becoming human, God encounters us personally with the Good News.
- Jesus is the perfect model of evangelization and discipleship training.

† JESUS COMMISSIONS THE EARLY CHURCH TO EVANGELIZE

- Jesus calls, teaches and mentors the disciples in the ways of God's evangelization.
- Jesus sends the disciples to evangelize: "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:18-20)
- "The basic task for which Jesus sends out his disciples is the proclamation of the Good News that is evangelization" (Mark 16:15-18). (Ecclesia in America, John Paul II, 1999)
- Jesus promises to send the Spirit: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you." (John 14:16)

† THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE GOD'S EVANGELIZATION

- The Holy Spirit fills the apostles at Pentecost for the work of evangelization.
- Through the power of the Spirit evangelization causes the Church to grow.
- The Apostles and St. Paul evangelize and train others to evangelize.

† THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS THE CHURCH FOR EVANGELIZATION THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

- Evangelization is the central mission of the Church.
- "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize..." (Paul VI, On Evangelization in the Modern World, 14)

† WE CONTINUE GOD'S WORK OF EVANGELIZATION TODAY (YES, I SAID 'WE')

- "The lay faithful, precisely as members of the Church, have the vocation and mission of proclaiming the Gospel..." (John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America*, 1999)
- "No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples." (John Paul II, *Mission of the Redeemer*, 3)
- "Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization, that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life. For lay people, this evangelization acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world." (CCC 905)

making connections

how have you been evangelized?

WHO HAS BEEN MOST SIGNIFICANT IN BRINGING YOU THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST?

WHAT DID THEY DO AND WHY DID IT HAVE SUCH AN IMPACT ON YOU?

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EXPLAINING THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

† **THE CORE CONTENT AND MISSION OF EVANGELIZATION HAVE NOT CHANGED**

- God's timeless work and message do not change.
- The Church's essential mission of evangelization does not change.

† **WHAT IS DEFINITELY NEW ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR CURRENT AGE**

- The new circumstances demand a new approach.
- "Evangelization occurs most effectively when the Church engages the culture of those she evangelizes." (U.S. Catholic Bishops, Disciples Called to Witness)
- The New Evangelization is the call to re-propose the Gospel in new ways to a post-Christian culture. (Benedict XVI, Homily on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul)
- The New Evangelization is "new in its ardor, methods, and expression." (John Paul II, 1983 address to CELAM, Catholic Bishops of Latin America)

† **THE NEW EVANGELIZATION INVITES US TO BE CREATIVE**

- "This variety of situations demands careful discernment; to speak of a new evangelization does not in fact mean that a single formula should be developed that would hold the same for all circumstances." (Benedict XVI, Establishing Pontifical Council for New Evangelization)
- We need to think and behave in new ways!

REMEMBER Einstein's definition of insanity:
doing the same thing over and over and expecting a new result!

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THE NEW CURRENT CULTURAL TRENDS

- † **NO COMMON CULTURAL MATRIX SUPPORTING FAITH AND RELIGION**
 - † **THE CULTURE SUPPORTS MANY ANTI-GOSPEL VALUES**
 - Culture of Death: lack of respect for life, disregard for the dignity of human persons, violence, poverty, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, materialism, relativism, individualism, secularism, etc. (John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, April 1995)
 - † **A WEALTH OF IGNORANCE AND MISINFORMATION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**
 - † **SYSTEMATIC ATTACKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH**
 - † **SEISMIC SHIFTS IN ATTITUDES TOWARD FAITH AND THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION**
-

key research-based findings

† RELIGIOUS IDENTITY IS FLUID

- Religious identity is not static but fluid with every major religious group simultaneously gaining and losing participants.
- The fastest growing religious demographic in the U.S. is “unaffiliated.”

† CATHOLICISM IS STRUGGLING MIGHTILY

- 1 out of 10 Americans is an ex-Catholic (3rd largest denomination after Catholics and Baptists).
- Nearly 4 times as many adults have left as have joined.
- The annual number of adult converts has dropped 35% from 2000 to 2009 (USCCB, 2009).
- 32% or almost 1 of every 3 people raised Catholic no longer identifies as Catholic.
- 30% of Americans raised Catholic are still practicing, with about half at Mass on a given weekend.
- 38% hold their Catholic identity but seldom or never attend Mass.
- Catholic marriage rates are plummeting.
- Those leaving Catholicism form 2 major groups: unaffiliated and protestant.
- Only 10% of ex-Catholics join non-Christian religions.

† CATHOLICS WHO LEAVE DO SO VERY EARLY

- 79% of Catholics who become unaffiliated are gone by the age of 23.
- 66% of Catholics who become protestant are gone by the age of 23.
- Attending religious education, youth groups, or even Catholic high schools made little or no difference in whether someone stayed or left.



CATHOLICS BECOME PROTESTANTS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT BEING SPIRITUALLY FED

- 54% of those becoming protestant say they gradually drifted away.
- People who leave to become protestant do so because their "spiritual needs were not being met" (71%), they "found a religion they liked more" (70%) and because they liked the style of worship (81%).
- Dissatisfaction about spiritual needs and style of worship dwarf disagreement over specific doctrines: abortion and homosexuality (23%), divorce (23%), celibacy of priests (21%), birth control (16%), Church treatment of women (16%), poverty, war and death penalty (11%).
- 62% who became protestant and 74% who became evangelical "felt called by God."
- Catholics who become protestant attend weekly services at 63% while Catholics who stay attend 42% (21% difference).
- Catholics who become protestant say their faith is very strong as adults (71%) and Catholics who stay say their adult faith is very strong (46%).
- Catholics who become protestant left at small percentages for sexual abuse scandal (21%) and divorce (3%).
- 66% of former Catholics join an evangelical church.
- 46% of those becoming evangelical were focused on spiritual sustenance, worship, and the Bible.
- Catholics who join mainline protestant churches primarily left because their spiritual needs were not being met (57%) which dwarf the other reasons of Catholic teachings (20%), abortion, homosexuality, women, divorce (31%), and birth control (26%).
- Most Catholics who join mainline protestant communities do so because they married someone of the faith they joined (44%) while only 22% of those becoming evangelical cite this reason.
- Dissatisfaction with Catholic clergy was 39% for those joining mainline protestant churches and 23% for those becoming evangelicals.

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THE NEW CURRENT CULTURAL TRENDS

† CATHOLICS WHO BECOME UNAFFILIATED DRIFT AWAY BUT MANY REMAIN OPEN

- Of those who are unaffiliated, 71% “just gradually drifted away,” 65% “stopped believing in the religion’s teachings,” others left for the sexual abuse scandal (27%) and divorce (3%).
- Many unaffiliated are open to a religious identity with 33% saying they would join a religion.

† MANY CATHOLICS, ESPECIALLY YOUNGER ONES, DO NOT BELIEVE IN A PERSONAL GOD

- Only 60% of Catholics believe in a personal God.
- Only 48% were absolutely certain that the God they believed in was a God with whom they could have a personal relationship.
- For those 18-29, only 40% believe in a personal God and 34% attend Mass weekly.

† THE GREATER THE UNBELIEF IN A PERSONAL GOD, THE LESS MASS ATTENDANCE

- Important trends and correlations from Cara Study 2007: the younger the Catholic the less they believe in a personal God and the less they attend Mass.

† THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PLACES A LOW PRIORITY ON EVANGELIZATION

- Asked whether spreading the faith was a high priority in their parishes:
 - 75% Conservative Protestant
 - 57% African American
 - 6% Catholic
- (Pillars of Faith Study, 2005) Asked whether they sponsored evangelization activities in their parishes:
 - 39% Conservative Protestant
 - 16% African American
 - 3% Catholic
- Catholic pastoral practice still presumes that religious identity is inherited and stable throughout one’s lifespan (49% of American adults who are now evangelicals were raised outside of evangelicalism).

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THE NEW CURRENT CULTURAL TRENDS

† MANY CATHOLICS HAVE BEEN CATECHIZED BUT NOT EVANGELIZED

- Many Catholics do not know the “Great Story of Jesus” (the Gospel/Kerygma).
- Many Catholics do not have a language for a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Many Catholics have not established a strong relationship with Christ and His Church.
- Many Catholics have not been equipped for a life of discipleship.

† REASONS FOR HOPE

- The majority who change their childhood faith do so in a series of steps rather than a giant leap.
- Millions of Americans, including ex-Catholics are open to a relationship with Jesus and His Church.
- There are many ripe for evangelization to whom we should reach out deliberately and intentionally:
 - Those raised with no faith but are exploring their options, and
 - Those who have left their childhood faith but have not found the right faith yet.
- The millions of religious unaffiliated who know religion is important, pray regularly, and fluidly wander in and out of our congregations:
 - Catholics who have left but are still searching for a new religious identity, and
 - Dissatisfied Catholics who have not yet left but are considering doing so.

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tying our evangelization into trends and research

BASED ON THE GENERAL TRENDS, KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS
AND TARGET GROUPS, HOW DO WE NEED TO SHAPE THE
NEW EVANGELIZATION?

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR TOP PRIORITIES?

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR LEADING CREATIVE STRATEGIES TO
ADDRESS THESE PRIORITIES?

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THE EVANGELIZATION CYCLE

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evangelization as falling into deep discipleship love

WHAT ARE THE STAGES OF FALLING IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE?

evangelization: falling into deep discipleship love

† **EVANGELIZATION IS PERSONALLY FALLING DEEPER AND DEEPER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST**

- “Faith is above all a personal, intimate, encounter with Jesus, and to experience his closeness, his friendship, his love; only in this way does one learn to know him ever more, and to love and follow him ever more. May this happen to each one of us.” (Benedict XVI, General Audience, October 21, 2009)

† **EVANGELIZATION IS A SERIES OF STAGES, MOMENTS OR THRESHOLDS ON THE WAY TO FULL COMMITMENT**

- John 9:1-38, series of steps taken by the blind man on the way to full commitment.
- “The essential elements of evangelization are distributed throughout a complex process of stages or moments.” (National Directory for Catechesis, p. 49)
- “Any partial and fragmentary definition which attempts to render the reality of evangelization in all its richness, complexity and dynamism does so only at the risk of impoverishing it and even distorting it. It is impossible to grasp the concept of evangelization unless one tries to keep in view all its essential elements.” (Paul VI, On Evangelization in the Modern World, 17)

† **EVANGELIZATION IS A CYCLE OF STAGES THAT CONTINUES TO REPEAT FOR ALL OF US**

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THE EVANGELIZATION CYCLE

1 **PRE-EVANGELIZATION: MINGLING AT THE PARTY**

definition

Person comes with their story and their needs to mingle at the fringes of the Church community and check things out

conversion threshold = initial trust

Person is seeking a positive trustworthy association with Jesus, the Church, believers

charism needed: hospitality

Be a channel of God's love by inviting, welcoming, caring for needs and listening to the person's story

practical evangelization

A personal meeting with each new member

2 **EVANGELIZATION: INITIAL FEELINGS OF CURIOSITY AND ATTRACTION**

definition

Person feels a preliminary trust level and is attracted to the Great Story of Jesus and how it is lived in the Church community

conversion threshold = spiritual curiosity

Person is intrigued to know more about the Good News of Jesus and the Church

charism needed: mercy

Be a channel of God's love by becoming a living example of the Kingdom and its King

practical evangelization

A small group study on a Gospel (telling the Kerygma)

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3 INITIATORY CATECHESIS: DATING

definition

Person's initial curiosity has been satisfied and is open to an informal relationship with Jesus and the Church

conversion threshold = spiritual openness

Person acknowledges openness to the possibility of spiritual change

charism needed: evangelism

Be a person who shares faith in a way that draws others to be disciples and active members of the Church

practical evangelization

A four-session Catholicism 101 small group experience

4 MYSTAGOGICAL/POST-BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS: DATING WITH A PURPOSE

definition

Person is open to spiritual change and open to a regular relationship with Jesus and the Church

conversion threshold = spiritual seeking

Person moves from being passive to actively seeking to know the God who is calling her/him. Person is on an urgent spiritual quest to explore commitment to Christ in His Church

charism needed: teaching

Be a channel of God's truth and wisdom, enabling others to learn the information, skills and practices to reach full spiritual potential

practical evangelization

An in-depth small group study on Christian prayer

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5 **PERMANENT/CONTINUING CATECHESIS: MARRIAGE**

definition

Person has made an active commitment to Jesus and the Church and seeks to know the faith in a systematic way and the ways of Christian living

conversion threshold = intentional discipleship

Person makes a conscious commitment to follow Jesus in the Church as an intentional, obedient disciple, making the decision to reorder his/her life accordingly

charism needed: pastoring

Be an effective channel of God's love by building Christian communities that nurture relationships, faith and long-term spiritual growth together

practical evangelization

An ongoing small group for systematic study of the Catechism and the practice of Christian living

6 **DISCIPLESHIP OF HOLINESS AND SACRIFICIAL SERVICE: MARRIAGE COMMITMENT LIVED DAILY**

definition

Person is an intentional disciple of Jesus in the Church and passionately seeks growth in holiness and opportunities for sacrificial service

conversion threshold = servant leadership

Person is willing to lay his/her life down in self-emptying, humble service for the life of the world

charism needed: discipleship communities

The life and love of God is channeled through disciples mentoring and supporting each other

practical evangelization

An ongoing intentional discipleship group with a mission to serve the homeless and a commitment to theological reflection

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linking our evangelization strategies to the stages

WHAT ARE SOME STRATEGIC NEW EVANGELIZATION ACTIVITIES FOR EACH STAGE?

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STRATEGIES FOR EVANGELIZATION

† **THERE ARE THREE PRINCIPAL TARGET GROUPS FOR THE MISSION OF EVANGELIZATION**

- The 3 objectives of mission of evangelization are (John Paul II, Mission of the Redeemer, 33):
 - 1 To proclaim the Gospel to all people and cultures where Christ and the Gospel are not known.
 - 2 To help bring about the reconversion of the baptized who have lost a sense of the faith, no longer consider themselves members of the Church, and live a life far removed from Christ and His Gospel.
 - 3 To deepen the Gospel in the lives of believers who are fervent in their faith and Christian living.

in the parish

† **UNDERSTAND THE CULTURAL TRENDS, RESEARCH AND EVANGELIZATION CYCLE!**

† **ORGANIZING AN EFFECTIVE EVANGELIZATION TEAM:**

- Create an evangelization leadership team.
 - Teams make the mission of evangelization explicit, intentional, planned, and evaluated.
 - Aim for six consistent committed members: Submit to our database.
- Form a team that can work with and through the overall parish structure.
 - Do targeted recruiting for committee members, inviting them personally.
 - Collaborate with Pastoral Council and staff: ideal to have liaisons from both groups.
 - Report and be accountable to pastor and Pastoral Council.
 - Have a connection to parish resources and communication.

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STRATEGIES FOR EVANGELIZATION

- Key Team Member Qualities
 - Committed and growing in faith as disciples.
 - Comfortable with new thinking.
 - Open and accepting of all people and able to work easily with all people.
 - Free of personal agendas and self-righteousness.
 - Can keep a focus on evangelization over a sustained period of time.
- Teams have two ongoing seasons: Formation and Action
 - Formation is critical especially in the beginning: meet every other week for several months.
 - Use this handout as a training resource for your team, taking time to study and discuss it at length and in depth...trust the Holy Spirit to guide your New Evangelization efforts!
 - Action period means meeting once per month.
- Other important team recommendations
 - Work on limited and doable projects.
 - Assess the parish's strengths and weaknesses, see "Go and Make Disciples."
 - Look at reframing existing ministries with an evangelization twist.
 - Work in the context of hope and prayer.
 - Review and fine tune your efforts.
 - Ultimate Goal: Create a parish culture of witness and discipleship.
 - Provide multiple opportunities for learning and growing into intentional discipleship.
 - Remember all evangelization is peer-to-peer personal invitation.

in the home, workplace and culture

† HOME STRATEGIES

- Overtly and passionately talk about your faith and how it works in your life.
- Overtly and passionately talk about how Jesus is Good News in your life.
- Study and discuss the Gospel together as a family.
- Overtly and passionately discuss how the Gospel challenges the values of the culture.
- Engage often in ways of living out intentional discipleship in word and action.

† WORKPLACE STRATEGIES

- Let the witness of your decisions and life be a living Gospel.
- When appropriate, speak about the importance of your faith.
- Let your faith drive decisions based on principle not on convenience or personal gain.
- Organize company activities for service and outreach.
- Work from a place of vocation rather than career...people will notice!

† CULTURE STRATEGIES

- Become informed on the Church's teaching on social issues.
- Join the Church's advocacy efforts and become active.
- Organize others around action in relation to social issues.
- Get hands on experience with people effected by social issues.

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RESOURCES FOR LEARNING ABOUT EVANGELIZATION

† ESSENTIAL RESOURCES TO START WITH

- The Bible, especially the four Gospels
- *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, Sherry Wedell, Our Sunday Visitor, 2012
- *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*, USCCB, 2012
- USCCB, *New Evangelization*, <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/new-evangelization/index.cfm>
- *Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States*, USCCB, 2002
- *Reclaim the Fire: A Parish Guide to Evangelization*, Fr. Martin Pable, ACTA Publications, 2009

† SEMINAL CHURCH BACKGROUND RESOURCES

- *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)*, from the Documents of Vatican II, 1964
- *Mission of the Redeemer (Redemptoris Missio)*, Encyclical Letter of John Paul II, 1990
- *On Evangelization in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi)*, Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Paul VI, 1975
- *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*, Working Document for the Synod of Bishops, Vatican City, 2012
- *Ecclesia in America*, John Paul II, 1999
- *Youcat, Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Ignatius Press, 2011
- *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, USCCB, 2006
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition*, USCCB, 2000
- *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Study Edition*, Liturgy Training Publications, 1988

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RESOURCES FOR LEARNING ABOUT EVANGELIZATION

† OTHER IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Your own creativity
- USCCB Leadership Institute, Track III—New Evangelization
- Mission America: Challenges and Opportunities for Catholics Today, Fr. Frank DiSiano, Paulist Press, 2011
- The Evangelizing Catholic: A Practical Handbook for Reaching Out, Fr. Frank DiSiano, Paulist Press, 1998
- National Directory for Catechesis, USCCB, 2005
- Bible studies for studying the Gospels
- The Catholic Herald newspaper
- Small group faith formation resources
- Catholicism Faith Formation Program, Fr. Robert Barron, <http://www.wordonfire.org/>
- Paulist Evangelization Ministries, many resources including “Evangelization Starter Kit,” and “Comprehensive Evangelization Training”
- Evangelical Catholic, Forming Disciples Training Leaders, Peter Andrastek, 414-771-4626, www.evangelicalcatholic.org
- Catholic Answers, What is the New Evangelization, <http://www.catholic.com/video/what-is-the-new-evangelization>

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RESOURCES FOR LEARNING ABOUT EVANGELIZATION



TARGETED RESOURCES FOR SPECIFIC EVANGELIZATION NEEDS

- Break the Silence: Learning to speak openly about a personal relationship with God
 - Wedell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Ch. 9; DeSiano, *The Evangelizing Catholic*, Ch. 2
- Telling the Great Story of Jesus
 - Wedell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Ch. 10; Pable, *Reclaim the Fire*, p. 45
- Telling the Great Story of the Church
 - DeSiano, *The Evangelizing Catholic*, p. 31
- Initiatives for Pre-Evangelization and Telling the Great Story of Jesus
 - Wedell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, p. 221-223
- Parish-Based Evangelization Processes
 - Wedell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, p. 223
- Articulating an Overall Plan for Parish Evangelization
 - Wedell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Ch. 12
- Helping Catholic Parishioners Invite Others to the Faith
 - "Invite" and "Catholics Reaching Out," Paulist Evangelization Ministries
- Connecting with Unaffiliated Religious Seekers
 - Rite of Christian initiation of Adults, USCCB; "Seeking Christ," Paulist Evangelization Ministries
- Reaching Inactive Catholics
 - "Inviting Catholics Home," Sally Mews; "Landings," Landings International
- Reaching Inactive Younger Catholics
 - "Awakening Faith," Paulist Evangelization Ministries
- Introducing Faith to the Un-Churched and Loosely Connected Catholics
 - "Alpha for Catholics," www.alphausa.org; Pable, *Reclaim the Fire*, p. 81
- Helping Catholics Discover the Richness of Their Faith
 - "Why Catholic," Renew International; "Living the Eucharist," Paulist Evangelization Ministries

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† starting assumptions

- † a definition of Catholic evangelization
- † biblical and Church roots

the **NEW** evangelization doing what Jesus does in a **NEW** context

† explaining the New Evangelization

- † current cultural trends
- † reasons for hope

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† evangelization cycle

- † strategies for parish, home work, culture
- † evangelization resources

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