

# Testimonials

“Catholic ID is helping us transform our lives and transform St. Robert Parish. Jesus calls us to a lived relationship with Him, but many of us struggle to know how. Our Catholic ID small groups saw members grow individually and in fellowship, with members embracing their discipleship. We see people speaking openly about their faith and love of Jesus. We see people going to Reconciliation, some for the first time in more than 10 years. We see people embracing opportunities to serve the least, being the face of Jesus and seeing the face of Jesus in those we serve. Catholic ID is helping open us to the Holy Spirit and the awesome things He does with us!”

– BOB, Initial Core Group,  
St. Robert, Shorewood

“Catholic ID has been a pivotal part of my faith journey. I had attended workshops, participated in parish ministry and admired the spirituality of family members, but Catholic ID was a total game-changer. The people I met through the experience remain dear friends, and we turn to each other regularly for prayers and support. I hardly recognize the person I used to be before Catholic ID. I never felt brave or strong enough to speak about God’s love, nor did I really want to. But now I can’t keep His plan to myself – I feel compelled to share my joy and amazement.”

– CHRIS, Point Person,  
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, North Lake

“We, the baptized, are all called to be disciples. But what does that look like exactly? How is that defined? What does that mean for me? I learned what the heart and habits of intentional discipleship are. When the designated sessions came to an end, I was eager to apprentice others as a group leader so as to help create a culture of intentional discipleship within our parish and beyond.”

– RHONDA, Initial Core Group,  
St. Dominic, Brookfield

*To proclaim the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ through his  
saving death and resurrection  
by calling, forming and  
sending disciples to go and  
make new disciples.  
As a people, we are called  
to encounter Jesus and grow  
as disciples through the  
sacramental life of the Church.*

## Catholic ID

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*A Parish-based*  
**INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLE-MAKING  
MINISTRY**

*Catholic ID*



# “GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...”

| Matthew 28:19 |

## *What is* **CATHOLIC I.D.?**

Catholic I.D. is a process designed to transform the parish into a community where people encounter Jesus, grow in relationship with him and each other, learn how to follow him as a disciple, and help others do the same. Modeled on Jesus' ministry with the 12 apostles, Catholic I.D. calls, forms, and sends disciples through small groups and one-on-one conversations. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these disciples reach, call, form, and send new disciples.

## *Why* **CATHOLIC I.D.?**

Jesus could have saved the world any way he wanted. It seems that he thought it was best to spend most of his ministry on earth forming 12 unqualified people and sending them in the power of the Holy Spirit to form others.

Jesus gave the Church her missionary identity when he sent these disciples to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). None of us would be Catholic if it wasn't for someone who was formed by someone who was formed by... someone formed by one of the twelve.

We are moved by Jesus' call to mission and our new Archdiocesan mission statement to call, form and send a small group of Catholic disciples with the heart, habits, and skills they need to live their faith and call, form, and send others.

## *How Does* **CATHOLIC I.D. WORK?**

Catholic ID equips parish leaders with everything they need to train new leaders and build an intentional discipleship ministry at the parish from the ground up.

The parish identifies a point person staff member or super-volunteer who commits to shepherding intentional discipleship ministry.

With regular support from Office of Evangelization staff, the point person and staff discern an initial group of 12 faithful, available, compassionate, and teachable disciples and invite them to participate in the Catholic ID initial core group.

The point person and initial core group gather for a 12-14 week small group experience in which they are first apprenticed through the process themselves, deepening their own discipleship and learning how to apprentice others in a life of intentional discipleship.

The parish then launches small groups facilitated by these leaders. Through these small groups, new leaders are identified, who are then trained. As the process repeats a parish grows in missionary leadership and discipleship.