



DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELIZATION

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Formation for Missionary Discipleship

In [*A Light Brightly Visible*](#), Archbishop Lori cast a vision for our parishes to become vibrant, growing “centers of evangelization” focused on holiness and mission. As disciples, we strive for holiness. “Be holy, because I am holy.” (Leviticus 19) As disciples, we must also be missionary. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21) To walk this path means to embrace “pastoral conversion.”

- How do we enter this process of pastoral conversion?
- How can we continue to grow as missionary disciples?
- How can we prepare for a [*Be Missionary Disciples pastoral planning process*](#) that leads to renewal and growth?

This resource can help you embark on the path of parish renewal. It is the fruit of our parishes and pastorates’ experience and proven approaches to parish growth. Choose any number of options in each of these four categories to create a formation plan. The Evangelization team is available to help you discern one that works for you.

Our team is here to help you and your parish thrive, grow, and make missionary disciples.

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Missionary Discipleship: The Big Picture

Evangelization. Missionary discipleship. Pastoral conversion. What do they mean? Where do we start? Each of these options offers an excellent introduction to the path to parish renewal and growth today.

Option One: Plan a Retreat or Workshop

- The **Department of Evangelization** offers:
 - *Missionary Discipleship: What it Means for Your Parish*: this workshop, customized for your parish, unpacks Archbishop Lori's pastoral letter, [A Light Brightly Visible](#) in which he calls us to become "centers of evangelization."
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- The **Office of Pastoral Planning** offers:
 - *Parish Renewal and Missionary Discipleship*: a guided reflection and discussion on successful models that draw on today's top resources and wisdom and is customized for your parish.
 - *Envisioning a Parish of Missionary Disciples*: a half-day workshop on the importance of leading with and casting a vision.
 - *Sacred Purpose Workshop*: a half-day retreat that uses people's stories to discover the "why," or sacred purpose, to which God is calling your parish.
 - Contact us: Daphne.Daly@archbalt.org, (410) 547-5447.

Option Two: Take an On-Demand Online Course

New online platforms offer excellent courses from top teachers and ministry leaders across the country.

- [Amazing Parish Online](#): 45-60 online modules with talks from leading experts and accompanying study guides (Free access.)
 - [Evangelization](#), with Curtis Martin and Chris Stefanick
 - [Discipleship](#), with Jeff Cavins and Chris Stefanick
- [Catechetical Institute](#): one-hour online courses in 10-min segments with exercises. (Fees apply. Contact us for more information.)
 - [Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization](#)
- [Revive Parishes](#): 2.5-hour online courses with leading experts (Free access.)
 - [Parish Renewal](#), with Tim Glemkowski
 - [Missionary Discipleship](#), with Julianne Stanz
- [Word on Fire Institute](#): Learn from the leader in 21st-century evangelization, Bishop Robert Barron's principles of effective disciple making for today's world. (Fees apply. Contact us for more information.)
 - [Eight Principles of Evangelization](#)

Option Three: Start a Book Club or Study Group

Choose one of these leading books on missionary discipleship and effective parish evangelization. Meet monthly to pray and reflect on how it applies to your parish.

- [Divine Renovation](#), Fr. James Mallon
- [Forming Intentional Disciples](#) or [Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples](#), Sherry Weddell
- [Great Catholic Parishes: A Living Mosaic: How Four Essential Practices Make Them Thrive](#), William E. Simon, Jr.
- [Rebuilt](#), Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran

The A, B, C's of Evangelization

Theory is one thing, but how exactly do we evangelize? How do we share our faith with others? These options can help show us how.

Option One: Plan a Retreat or Workshop

The **Department of Evangelization** offers:

- *How to Share Your Faith*: a customized retreat for your parish team on the heart of evangelization: sharing your faith and personal witness.
- *Become a Mission-Focused Parish: Applying Core Mission Priorities*: a half-day workshop on how to become a mission-focused parish. ([Learn more about the Core Mission Priorities here.](#))
- *Rediscovering the Kerygma*: customized workshop on why, as Pope Francis writes, the “first proclamation” of the gospel, the *kerygma*, is the “center of all evangelizing activity and all efforts at Church renewal.”
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- **Catechetical Institute**: one-hour online courses in 10-min segments with exercises. (Fees Apply. Contact us for discount information.)
 - [Kerygma: Key Doctrines](#)
 - [Christ: His Person and Works](#)
 - [Discipling Adults](#)
- **Revive Parishes**: 2.5-hour online courses with leading experts (Fees Apply. Contact Us for discount information.)
 - [Parish Renewal](#), with Tim Glemkowski
 - [Missionary Discipleship](#), with Julianne Stanz
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 - [Evangelization](#), with Curtis Martin and Chris Stefanick

Option Three: Start a Book Club or Study Group

Choose your team and work through our *Core Mission Priorities Workbook* at a pace that works for you.

- **Core Mission Priorities Workbook**: [view/download a PDF copy here](#). (English and Spanish available)

OR

Choose one of these leading books on practical evangelization. Meet monthly to pray and practice what you learn.

- [The Activated Disciple: Taking Your Faith to the Next Level](#), Jeff Cavins
- [The Contagious Catholic: The Art of Practical Evangelization](#), Marcel LeJeune
- [Making Missionary Disciples: How to Live the Method Modeled by the Master](#), Curtis Martin
- [Unlocking Your Parish: Making Disciples, Raising Up Leaders with Alpha](#), Ron Huntley & Fr. James Mallon
- [Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic](#), Matthew Kelly

Prayer and Discernment

“Without me, you can do nothing.” John 15:5 Missionary discipleship bears fruit when it flows from a life of vibrant prayer, faith, and spiritual discernment. Pastoral conversion is a work of the Holy Spirit, revealing the Lord’s plan for us and giving us the grace to take the next step.

Option One: Plan a Retreat or Workshop

- The **Department of Evangelization** offers:
 - *Discerning God’s Will for your Parish*: a four-part, monthly workshop series on how to apply the principles of spiritual discernment, including personal, pastoral, discerning as a community of disciples.
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- The **Office of Pastoral Planning** offers:
 - *Creating a Culture of Prayer*: a workshop or retreat that helps you identify ways to build prayerful practices among your staff, leadership, and/or parishioners.
 - *Discerning Direction*: a workshop or retreat on the difference between discernment and decision-making, and the prayerful discernment of direction.
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Option Two: Take an On-Demand Online Course

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- [Catechetical Institute](#): one-hour, easy-access workshops for individuals or groups, in 10-min segments with exercises. (Fees Apply. Contact us for discount information.)
 - [Personal Spirituality and the Call to Holiness](#)
 - [Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina](#)
- [Amazing Parish Online](#): 45-60 online modules with talks from leading experts and accompanying study guides (Free access.)
 - [Module 6, Prayer](#), Sr. Regina Marie Gorman, O.C.D.
 - [Culture of Prayer Resources](#)

Option Three: Start a Study Group

Choose one of these leading books on how to foster a culture of prayer and discernment. Meet monthly to pray and practice what you learn.

- [Meditation and Contemplation: An Ignatian Guide to Praying with Scripture](#), Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV
- [Discerning the Will of God: An Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision Making](#), Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV
- [Pray, Decide and Don’t Worry: 5 Steps to Discerning God’s Will](#), Bobby & Jackie Angel with Fr. Mike Schmitz
- [Praying Constantly: Bringing Your Faith to Life](#), Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.
- [Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer](#), Dan Burke
- [Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation](#), Albert Haase, OFM

Leading for Mission

Pope Francis calls us to open the doors of our hearts and parishes to go forth and bring Christ to those far away on the “peripheries.” In order to do that, we must lead and align our efforts with the mission and vision in mind. This is the heart of pastoral conversion: moving from an inward-looking culture that prioritizes self-survival to one that is outward looking and focused on making missionary disciples.

Option One: Plan a Workshop

- The **Office of Pastoral Planning** offers the following:
 - *Building Healthy Teams*: a half-day workshop or retreat on the value of building a healthy and defining your core values.
 - *Engaging in Healthy Conflict*: a half-day workshop or retreat on the ways to engage in healthy and growth-oriented conflict with team members.
 - *Identifying Gifts and Talents for Mission*: a workshop or retreat that helps you and your team lead for mission by identifying and using your collective strengths.
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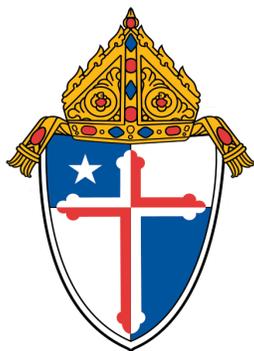
New online platforms offer excellent courses from top teachers and ministry leaders across the country.

- [Amazing Parish](#):
 - [Amazing Parish: A Culture of Healthy Teamwork Resources](#). Create a study group to work through these essential elements for building an effective team.
- [Revive Parishes](#):
 - [Build a Strong Parish Leadership Team](#) with Pat Lencioni
- [Catherine of Siena Institute](#):
 - [Called and Gifted](#), a process that helps you discern your charisms, those special abilities given by the Holy Spirit to give you the power to represent Christ and be a channel of God's goodness for people.

Option Three: Start a Book Club or Study Group

Choose one of these leading books on how to foster a missional parish culture. Meet monthly to pray and practice what you learn.

- [Made for Mission: Renewing Your Parish Culture](#), Tim Glemkowsky
- [The Better Pastor](#), Pat Lencioni
- [Divine Renovation Apprentice: Learning to Lead a Disciple-Making Parish](#), Fr. Simon Lobo, CC
- [Five Dysfunctions of a Team](#), Pat Lencioni
- [Death by Meeting](#), Pat Lencioni



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