

EVANGELIZATION RESOURCES

Below are resources to assist you in your evangelization efforts as our diocese moves forward to implement Bishop John's vision.

Moving forward in fostering a culture of discipleship and evangelism will take more than just resources. Coordinated efforts to make disciples and equip our people to live a missionary life of friendship and evangelization combined with encounter opportunities at which people can hear the Gospel and find real Christian community are necessary. Most of all, we need the Holy Spirit to inspire and lead us! We live in a very individualistic culture, and it's going to take the Holy Spirit to move us all to cast out into the deep and foster a missionary movement among our people!

Encounter opportunities

These programs depend on a culture of discipleship and evangelism within the parish. They are tools which help parishes reach out to people who are in need of deeper conversion and an encounter with Jesus.

○ Alpha (alphausa.org)

A tool for the New Evangelization that is being used by thousands of Catholic parishes in over 70 countries around the world. Alpha creates an environment and opportunity for an encounter with Jesus. As Pope Francis likes to say, it's a chance for "Jesus to find them." This tool was recently recommended to all our pastors by Bishop John to assist with the forming of small groups in our parishes. "Alpha is without a doubt a great experience of new evangelization." – *Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President, the Pontifical Council for Promotion of the New Evangelization*

○ Cursillo (marygrove.org/cursillo)

A worldwide lay ecclesial movement whose vision is to enable people to be fully Christian, who in turn will transform their environment to be more Christian by living their internal tripod of piety, study and action. Find out more about this movement in our diocese by contacting Marygrove Retreat Center.

○ Life in the Spirit Seminars

Seminars designed to introduce a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. For more information contact: Msgr. Michael Steber, St. Peter Cathedral.

- Youth Encounter Christ (YEC) (marygrove.org)

A retreat program of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette which reaches out to young adults ages 16-20. YEC is a spirited weekend where young people share faith, witness to the power of Christ's love, and come to appreciate a whole new way of living their religious values. Find out more about this movement in our diocese by contacting Marygrove Retreat Center.

- Christ Renews His Parish (dynamiccatholic.com/crhp)

Christ Renews His Parish™ (CRHP) is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process. As Catholics, we are called to witness to one another the amazing things God has done for us. The CRHP process allows us to do just that – take a break from our busy lives, share our faith with others, and get to know God through his works.

Discipleship resources

Resources which follow up on conversion. They are focused on ongoing formation for already converted people. The resources in this category are abundant and this list is not all inclusive. Most Catholic formation courses would fit in this category.

- ChristLife (christlife.org)

This series is an evangelization process that is changing lives and transforming parishes. It is faithful to the Magisterium, nourished by the sacraments, sustained by daily prayer and scripture reading, dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit, and committed to Christian unity. The series consists of three essential elements: discover, follow, and share thereby equipping Catholics for the essential work of evangelization so the world might personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples.

- Catholicism 201 (www.catholicism201.ca)

Countless numbers of Catholics throughout the world have discovered the great gift of the Alpha course which has helped many renew their faith and commitment to Christ. Catholicism 201 arose out of the need for a Catholic follow-up and is intended to follow after the Alpha Course. It is modeled after the Alpha Course and inspired by it.

- New Leaven (newleaven.org)

An initiative in the New Evangelization seeking to foster the profound conversion and integrated Catholic formation of those who have encountered Christ through Life in the Spirit Seminars, The Alpha Course, etc. and whose presence in a parish would help cultivate renewal. The design of New Leaven draws primarily from the teaching of St. John Paul II.

○ Dynamic Catholic (dynamiccatholic.com)

Founded by international speaker Matthew Kelly, its mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America. Their vision is to be the innovative leader in the New Evangelization helping Catholics and their parishes become the-best-version-of-themselves. It has developed a series of programs and resources designed to re-engage Catholics and transform marginally engaged Catholics into dynamic Catholics.

○ Be My Witness: Formation for the New Evangelization (bemywitness.org)

This effort from RENEW International is a Christ-centered, Spirit-led approach to transforming parishes and forming disciples for the New Evangelization. Be My Witness draws its inspiration from *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis' landmark document on evangelization.

○ Various Programs from Ascension Press (ascensionpress.com)

Apostolic formation

Focuses on equipping those who are converted and on the discipleship track to become disciple-makers and fulfill the Great Commission.

○ FOCUS-Fellowship Of Catholic University Students (focus.org)

A Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel to college and university students. Trained in Church teaching, prayer, Sacred Scripture, evangelization and discipleship, FOCUS missionaries encounter students in friendship where they are, inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompanying them as they pursue lives of virtue and excellence. Through Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips and one-on-one discipleship, missionaries inspire and build up students in the faith, sending them out to spread the good news and to live out the Great Commission: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19).

○ St. Paul Street Evangelization (streetevangelization.com)

A grassroots, non-profit organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking the Catholic faith to the streets. Christ's call to evangelize was made to every Catholic Christian, and the Second Vatican Council reiterated this need, urging each of the baptized to bring the Gospel, found fully in the Catholic Church, to a culture that has largely reverted to paganism. As an on-the-street Catholic evangelization organization, St. Paul Street Evangelization provides an avenue for people to share the Person of Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture.

- Evangelical Catholic Institute (evangelicalcatholic.org)

The Evangelical Catholic equips Catholic ministries for evangelization by inspiring, training, and supporting local leaders to drive dynamic outreach.

- 21st Century Catholic Evangelization (21stcenturycatholicsevangelization.org)

Serves Catholic leaders by providing curated knowledge, approaches, strategies, and resources to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed, to re-engage those who have lost a living faith in their daily lives and to those who are faithful and need to be renewed with increased catechesis. This website is a service of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership

Miscellaneous Resources

- USCCB (usccb.org)

The U.S. Bishops' website has several pages dedicated to evangelization. They invite Catholics in the United States to join them on a journey to rediscover the faith and reconnect with the Church.

- Catholics Come Home (catholicscomehome.org)

A website specifically targeted to Catholics who for whatever reason have left the Church and are feeling their heart calling them back

- FORMED

A dynamic online platform which allows every parishioner and person living within parish boundaries who registers to have free 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any electronic device. With FORMED you will find video programs explaining the faith (e.g. Symbolon), Bible Studies, full length movies, books and audio talks. It includes speakers such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Edward Sri, Chris Stefanick and many others.



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