



March 9, 2020

TO: Priests & Pastoral Coordinators
FROM: Terri Gadzinski, Executive Director of Stewardship & Development
COPY: Parish Secretary & Bookkeepers
RE: **GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR CATHOLIC MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

We are pleased to announce the availability of Legacy of Faith Catholic Action Fund grants to supplement the cost of parish teams to train with *Catholic Missionary Disciples*.

Catholic Missionary Disciples (CMD) was founded by Marcel LeJeune, one of the speakers at the 2019 Evangelization Summit. The program includes a commitment from the pastor and a team of 3 to 5 additional people for a period of 1 year. During the first 12 weeks, the cohort will meet WEEKLY for one-hour with *CMD* for an intense preparation, plus each team member will have a weekly individual coaching session. For the remaining 9 months, *CMD* will meet MONTHLY with the cohort as well as with individual team members.

See attached Program Description & Pricing. Also, visit <https://catholicmissionarydisciples.com/faq>.

How to Apply for a Legacy of Faith Grant

- Parish team must apply and be accepted for a Legacy of Faith grant. Please click [here](#) to complete and submit a brief LOF grant application
- Once approved, the parish must apply with *CMD* for final acceptance into the program
- Grant funds may only be used for program costs for a parish team of 4 to 6 members. The team **must** include the pastor
- Parishes may apply for up to \$8,000 (which is 80% of the total cost for a 4-person team.) Parishes that can contribute more toward the cost of the program are asked to consider applying for a grant amount less than \$8,000, in consideration of parishes with less fiscal ability
- If accepted, the training will begin in June, and September 2020
- There is one grant available for June start date and three grants available for the September start date
 - Submit applications by **March 27, 2020** for a June 2020 program start date
 - Submit applications by **August 1, 2020** for a September 2020 program start date.

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Special Grant Opportunity for Parishes

Parishes can apply for a grant to offset costs for training with *Catholic Missionary Disciples*. The training would be with a member of *Catholic Missionary Disciples* staff and your parish team of 4-6 people using weekly, online video conferences for a period of twelve weeks, then followed up with monthly sessions for nine months for a total of one year of training. **If accepted, the training will begin in June, and September 2020.**

Background

Catholic Missionary Disciples was founded by Marcel LeJeune. They work with dioceses and parishes to form teams of disciple makers who in turn make disciple makers. Marcel was one of the keynote speakers at the 2019 Diocese of Marquette Evangelization Summit, *Transform & Inspire*.

Basic Structure

Work in small groups of people who are able to work together in a parish. We believe the optimum number is 4-6 people (including the pastor) + one of our Catholic Missionary Disciples staff, as the facilitator. Each cohort will gather for 12 weeks:

- 1 – In an hour-long weekly session (an online video call) to pray, learn, discuss, and collaborate with one another. This weekly meeting will last for 12 weeks. Each session will be an intense preparation for the weekly assignment of prayer and action. This builds an element of accountability in ministry, which we miss in too many ways. Unlike a conference, where most absorb content passively, the process of having a small cohort will demand interaction and growth.
- 2 – Furthermore, each individual will spend 30 minutes a week in a one-on-one coaching session with the facilitator to personalize the process and apply it.

Following the 12 weeks, the team and individual team members (using an online video call) will meet once a month for 9 months with the facilitator.

Eligibility

The parish must apply with and be accepted by Catholic Missionary Disciples. Discernment is a two-way street. We want all potential partners to prayerfully consider applying. Once you apply, we can prayerfully consider whether we are the right fit for you.

Pricing

Total Program Cost:

4 person team = \$10,000 (\$2500 per person)

5 person team = \$11,750 (\$2350 per person)

6 person team = \$13,500 (\$2250 per person)

Cost to Parish (with full \$8,000 grant)

4 person team \$2,000

5 person team \$3,750

6 person team \$5,500

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Dear Pastors and Pastoral Coordinators:

Praised be Jesus Christ!

For a long time, we have not formed people in evangelization. We depended on the practice of generations and the beauty of the sacraments to bring people to church. Many Catholics learned the faith through the efforts of parents, grandparents, pastors, catechists, and others. Most Catholics, however, were never taught how to share their faith; to share our faith means to share Jesus - to proclaim his name.

Julianne Stantz, Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay and consultant to the USCCB Committee on Evangelization & Catechesis states, "programs don't make disciples; people make disciples". Evangelization is done through and in relationships, praying with people and accompanying them in their search for truth. We are all working to make our parishes missionary centers and help parishioners grow in relational evangelization.

Marcel LeJeune, a presenter at our 2019 Evangelization Summit, is founder and president of *Catholic Missionary Disciples (CMD)*. *CMD* offers training to parish teams of 4-6 people including the pastor to become disciples and disciple makers. A parish team will partner with *CMD* for a period of one year. During this time, the team will learn, pray, be formed, and held accountable to growing in their pastoral skills as evangelists and disciplers. *CMD* will train, coach, and build pastoral leaders into missionary disciples who can raise up others to become the same.

This will require a one-year commitment. This type of commitment reflects the model of Christ. Jesus spent most of 3 years pouring his life into 12 men. He taught them how to pray, how to have intentional conversations with non-believers, how to heal, how to minister to others, how to sacrifice, and so much more. This is what discipleship looks like - it is primarily personal, not programmatic.

Next week Terri Gadzinski will send detailed information on costs, grant support, and next steps if you are interested in this training.

I invite you to prayerfully consider this opportunity.

With prayers that your heart be filled with the *Joy of the Gospel*, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John F. Doerfler'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL
Bishop of Marquette