

# NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

## How do you invite someone to come to Mass?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter is a beautiful time to invite someone to Mass, but the idea of asking someone to come to church does not always come easy. Those who come to Mass infrequently tend to "PACE" themselves by going to church on Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Christmas, and Easter (P-A-C-E). So how can we reach out to our friends, family members, and those we work with who are not practicing their faith? The answer is surprisingly simple.

According to Lifeway Research, 51% of unchurched Americans say the most effective way to get them to visit church would **be through a personal invitation from someone they know**. Other methods were not as effective: only 21% said an invitation from someone knocking on the door would get them to visit a church; postcards only slightly more effective (23%), on par with TV commercials. Facebook ads were the least effective-only 18% said they would visit a church after viewing a Facebook ad.

You can read my six "be-attitudes" for inviting someone to Mass [by clicking here](#)

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## Adult Faith Formation Program Opportunity!

Good news! Fr. John Girotti will be offering two adult faith formation presentations every month from September of 2017 to May of 2018.

1. **Know Your Faith**: If your parish elects to offer the *Know Your Faith* series in DVD format, Fr. Girotti will kick off this program with a presentation.
2. **Why Loved Ones Leave the Church**: Click [here](#) to see flyer.

Joe will sign your parish up on a first come basis at (920) 272-8313 or [jtremblay@gbdioc.org](mailto:jtremblay@gbdioc.org).

May you and your families be richly blessed by the joy of Easter!



Blessings,

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## Catholic Evangelization Courses- I, II and III

In collaboration with Silver Lake College, the Catholic Evangelization Courses are designed to form disciples of Jesus Christ who can embrace the spiritual, theological and pastoral tasks of the New Evangelization. Participants will leave this seminar with tools that will enable them to craft deep habits of prayer, articulate the Evangelical and Ecclesial foundations for evangelization and implement a mission centered vision for their parishes.

CES I focuses on the Kerygma and the need for the Catholic Church to recover this basic message in our work of evangelization.

CES II will focus the anthropological and spiritual dimensions of Evangelization.

CES III will focus on Mission and the mission oriented tasks of the new evangelization.

The cost for each course is \$150. Dates are:

CES I- July 31-August 2

CES II- May 15-17

CES III- May 10-12

[Click here for more information](#) including registration information and course outlines.



**Live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across North America!**

**Streaming to Two Rivers, May 12-13**

St Peter the Fisherman

3201 Mishicot Road

**For more information and to purchase tickets [click here.](#)**

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

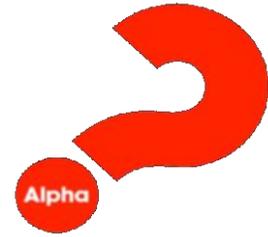
## Alpha Tips and Resources:

### [How to Kill Alpha in 10 Steps](#)

By Father James Mallon & Ron Huntley

### [Trust: A Threshold of Conversion in the Alpha Process](#)

By Joe Tremblay



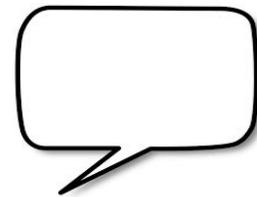
## Book Quote of the Month:

A Community of Disciples:

Making your parish all that it can be!

Des Robertson

"Why would youngsters want to join a bunch of strangers, mostly old folk, singing what to them seem like dirges from hundreds of years ago, standing up and kneeling down for no apparent reason, and saying unfamiliar prayers together by heart? Why would they want to do this if they are otherwise ignored except for a handshake halfway through, where the other person does not even look you in the eye and smile, let alone ask your name?"



How can they participate when they don't know what is going on? Where's the joy in that? And why this focus on young people? Because they are or will soon be the parents of the next generation. If they are not active and have no faith to pass on, it is just a matter of time before our churches close. Something to consider: ***Is at least 25 percent of your parish council consistently under the age of thirty?*** [emphasis added]

## Spiritual Self-Care:

*The Value of Spiritual Resolutions:*

"Just as business meetings have action items so as to avoid the discussion of ideas for its own sake, so too does meditation on God's Word involve some specific "action items" or spiritual resolutions that are to be carried out that day or soon thereafter." To read more, click [here](#).



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## 2017 Adult Confirmation Program

This year, the Adult Confirmation Program is providing an on-ramp to adult catechesis; one that begins with the discovery of Jesus Christ in everyday life. Using the Alpha Film Series, questions about life will be explored; questions such as:

- How do I find happiness?
- Where was God when I needed him?
- How do I cope with pain and stress?
- Does God heal today?



Discovering God's love in these human situations is that on-ramp- not only to ongoing adult catechesis -but to a meaningful encounter of Christ in the liturgical life of the Church. This is the sacramental-readiness we are working towards this year.

To learn more, click [here](#).

Also. [download](#) an overview of the 2017 Adult Confirmation Curriculum.

## Inspiring Disciples on the Way

Save the date: Thursday, May 18, 2017! The Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team is hosting a discipleship training in relationship ministry and leadership development. In addition to the four breakout sessions on Alpha-readiness, inspiring an invitational church, the power of shared prayer and effective leadership team dynamics, Fr. Dan Felton, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, will speak about the context and the vision for Alpha as it relates to the this coming up year, 2017-18, in the Diocese of Green Bay. You don't want to miss it. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Adult Faith Formation schedule for the rest of 2017!

Click here to download [schedule](#).

## Come and Support Our Children

We have to start praying for our children. We need God. Can you join us once a month? To learn more, click [here](#).

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## [Alpha Your Way](#)

With the new year upon us and many of us making resolutions to improve ourselves in 2017...why not make a resolution to improve your personal relationship with Christ? The "Alpha Course" which has been around for over 25 years has been well received throughout the world.



Alpha is for everyone, those with a deep faith and those who don't know who Jesus is. Alpha is designed to help everyone one learn what it means to be a Christian and

start you on the road to a personal relationship with Jesus. If you would like to find out more about Alpha, maybe find out where a course near you is or want to experience Alpha by yourself or with others then we have the website for you!

[www.AlphaYourWay.org](http://www.AlphaYourWay.org) allows you to view the session videos, access notes on each session and provides notes and questions for each video. This website was developed by those who are running Alpha in parishes of the Diocese of Green Bay.

If you have questions or would like more information about Alpha or AlphaYourWay.org you can contact Bill Nettekoven at [alphayourway@gmail.com](mailto:alphayourway@gmail.com)



# Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

## A sneak peek at what April Impact Brings:

### Do This

We hear it every time we go to Mass. "Do this in memory of me." Yet how often do we stop to think about it and take it to heart? Jesus' command is at the very center of Christian discipleship. **What does it mean to "do this?"**

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## Un poco de lo que incluye Impacto en Abril:

### Hagan Esto

Lo escuchamos cada vez que vamos a Misa. "Hagan esto en memoria mía". Sin embargo, ¿con qué frecuencia nos detenemos a pensar en lo que significa y lo tomamos en serio? El mandamiento de Jesús está en el centro mismo del discipulado cristiano. **¿Qué significa "hagan esto"?**

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### What is Impact?

Impact, is a dynamic, monthly resource to form people as disciples and good stewards who share their gifts and faith, making an impact in their lives and the life of the world.

Each month, Impact includes a one-page full color or grayscale PDF resource, which may be used as a bulletin insert, copied and distributed at parish gatherings, and/or used as part of an on-going adult faith formation initiative.

### How can I get Impact?

The Diocese of Green Bay offers Impact to you at no cost. Impact will be distributed in the following ways:

- Parish Pages
- Department newsletters

## **Follow these links to download materials each month!**

- **Impact - English:** <http://www.catholiclifeandfaith.net/subscription-resources-english/>

PASSWORD: **Subscribe4Impact**

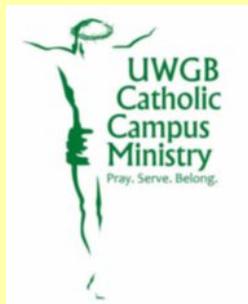
- **Impacto - Spanish:** <http://www.catholiclifeandfaith.net/subscription-resources-spanish/>

PASSWORD: **Impactosubscriber**

- **General Information:** <http://www.catholiclifeandfaith.net/impact/>

## **CLICK HERE FOR THIS MONTH'S COPY OF IMPACT**

**April 2017 Impact**  
**Impacto Para Abril 2017**



Spring Break gives students an opportunity to get away from their comfort zone, raise their awareness of social issues and injustices such as poverty, racism, and environmental issues. And integrate justice and service into their everyday life.

Seven Students with Katie McAllister from Resurrection Parish in Green Bay

opted to spend Spring Break week participating in Service & Justice Experience through UWGB Catholic Campus Ministry in Okolona MS We partnered with Excel Common Inc. a non-profit that furthers education, promotes community building, encourages community services and fosters healthy lives.



Sisters Liz Brown, CSJ. Nancy Schreck, OSF and Jean Meyer, CHM lead a children's enrichment, senior wellness and GED certification classes as the core of Excel's programs, while a community gym, computer lab, a sewing center and commons room are open to all in need. Excel Commons also includes a resale shop, coffee shop and volunteer center

The Students started each day with prayer and a challenge to see the world from the eyes of different perspective, they worked in the learning center in the mornings: reading, playing games, teaching music and doing "science experiments with 40 children. Preparing and eating our meals together was a fun experience, after lunch the students headed downtown to the center. There the Sisters shared the history of Okolona and formation on social, cultural and race issues. They cleaned yards, visited with the people and toured the city. In the evening they came back to the learning center played games, prayed and shared about the events of the day, had more formation on Catholic Social Thought and built community.

It was evident that students thoroughly cherished the experience of their trip. Spring Break challenged, broaden perspectives and fostered genuine relationships among the students and those they served.

**Sister Laura Zelten, OSF**

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## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

***Young Adults - if you have events you would like to share and invite others to, please let us know and we will get the word out.***

As a young adult and when my three girls were young, I left my high school teaching position to stay at home. I loved it, but I missed teaching - the students and the busyness of it all. I saw a bulletin blurb one weekend - the DRE at the parish was looking for catechists. I thought about it but wasn't sure what to do with the girls while I taught. So I ignored it - week after week.



Finally there was a desperate plea in August for a fifth grade catechist. I looked around me at church - to see if there were any fifth graders who knew no one wanted to teach them. I felt awful about that! I decided then that I was their catechist - so I found the Pastor after mass and told him I would take that group of 5th graders. He was pretty excited - and the rest is history. I **LOVED** it! I loved my hour with them, the babysitting they offered, the mentorship, the community and **it connected my to the parish in a new and wonderful way.** I am not sure where you are in your faith journey - but finding a place to use your strengths, skills, education and passion is a beautiful way to give back - to **show your gratitude** for all you have been given. Young Adults have things to give that no other generation has - take a leap of faith and make a commitment to something or start up something new!

### **Faith and Life**

At an event recently, a young man came up and said to me - I don't feel like I belong here. When asked why he would think that he said, "**everyone seems to have a**

language or vocabulary I don't or experiences that I never have even heard of. I don't seem to fit in." I was so sad and it made me think about how a group of church people might sound to the outside world. I think it would sound like a foreign language with lots of confusing activities. I challenged myself and I challenge you to think about **how to be more welcoming and to really live your faith in your actions and choices rather than leaning on vocabulary or church lingo.** As we come to Holy Week - how can we share that incredible time with others and make them feel like it is exactly where they should be?

Join us for **Catholic Culinary Series Part II** - It will be a fabulous retro night of church potluck dishes, Jane Angha will be speaking on **The Art of the Party** - hospitality, welcome and belonging and of course - Bingo to follow with prizes and fun!

### **A couple more events for Young Adults**

[Father Jim Baraniak in Cooperstown](#) (Sounds like a cool place to visit!)

And [The Miracle Hunter](#) will be in Shawano in May (Sounds like a cool topic!)

Please join our **Facebook** community to stay connected and find all sorts of activities for young adults around the Diocese! @youngadultsgb  
Let us know how we can support your ministry and invite others to your events!

### **A thought for you:**

"I never look at the masses as my responsibility. I only look at the individual. I love only on person at a time, feed only one person at a time. Just one, one, one. "  
St. Teresa of Calcutta

May our lives consist of seeking out and serving just one and in doing so change the world!

**Blessings,  
Jane Angha**

# Catholic Culinary Series

RETRO POTLUCK, SPEAKER & BINGO

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 @ 6:30-8:30 PM

FEATURING SPEAKER *JANE ANGHA*, TALKING ABOUT  
"THE ART OF THE PARTY"

**Who:** Young Adults, ages 18-39

**What:** Retro church potluck night – dig up your grandma's church cookbook and bring your favorite dish to pass!

**Where:** Holy Grounds Cafe @ St. Joseph Parish - 936 Ninth St., Green Bay, WI 54304.

RSVP VIA FACEBOOK, SEARCH FOR:  
"CATHOLIC CULINARY SERIES PART 2"

## **SPEAKER TOPIC: THE ART OF THE PARTY**

At the heart of any gathering or celebration is hospitality. It is the cornerstone of a welcoming place and has roots in Scripture, Christian community and of course the life of Jesus.

Join us for our Catholic Culinary Series Part II to uncover all the ways that hospitality sparks welcome, belonging, commitment and tradition. All of us are looking for a place to belong where our presence is a gift and blessing – together we will learn how to Find and to Be a place like this!

## **FOR MORE INFO & QUESTIONS:**

Please contact Maria Garcia at 920-272-8276 or [mgarcia@gbdioc.org](mailto:mgarcia@gbdioc.org).



Diocese of  
Green Bay



Fr. Albert Haase, OFM

Presents:

The Spiritual Journey  
Retreat



**Friday, April 21 & Saturday, April 22**

**Sponsored by all Appleton Catholic Parishes**

Sacred Heart , St Bernard, St Bernadette, St Joseph, St Mary, St Pius X, St Therese, St Thomas More, and St Edward, Mackville.

**When:** Friday, April 21, 6:30-8 PM and Saturday, April 22, 9 AM to 3:30 PM  
Optional: Join us for Saturday Mass at 8:00 AM and Sunday Vigil at 4:30 PM.

**Where:** St. Bernard Parish, 1617 W. Pine Street, Appleton, WI, 54914  
Park in rear of building. Enter through Door #1.

**Cost:** Friday and Saturday- \$30; Friday only- \$10; Saturday only- \$25 (includes lunch)

**[FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM CLICK HERE](#)**

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Powered by The Pontifical Mission Societies

The Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS) has launched a new initiative called - **MISSIO** which is an opportunity for people to choose how to put their faith into action, and a way to answer the call for the baptized to be missionaries themselves, through prayer and sacrifice, in word and deed. MISSIO also allows for engagement in parish and school-based foreign mission projects which can be added to the site as project touch-points. The site also offers a way for individual mission organizers to raise funds for their foreign mission projects through crowd-funding-type efforts.

**MISSIO is not just for parishes or schools** but is even designed to support the foreign-mission work of individual Catholic groups, such as a parish-based mom's group, a Catholic high school mission trip, or a local Knights of Columbus overseas project. It's really a tool for any Catholic group, parish or school to engage more people in the work of their foreign-mission project and to raise necessary funds for the project!

For more information visit the website at <https://missio.org/>



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