

NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

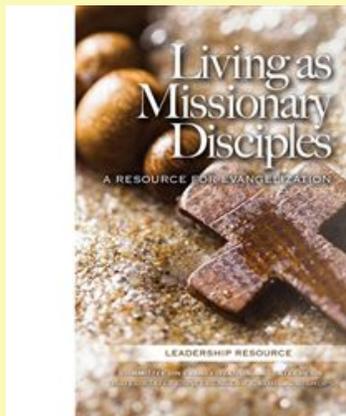
Living as Missionary Disciples

Dear Friends in Christ,

The call to be Missionary Disciples should not be considered a passing fad or a "buzz word" in the Church but a part of our core identity as baptized Catholics and as Church.

But what does Missionary Discipleship mean and how do we form missionary disciples who inspire others to share their faith? What are some key principles that should be included in pastoral planning to ensure we are reaching out effectively to those on the peripheries while also being mindful to form those who we are in contact with?

If you have asked any of these questions and are seeking to engage Pope Francis' call to go out of our comfort zones and as Bishop Ricken remarks to "Discover Jesus, Follow Jesus, Worship Jesus and Share Jesus" there are a number of excellent resources available to help you that I will feature in the coming months. This month I want to highlight a new resource called "Living as Missionary Disciples".



"Living as Missionary Disciples" is a resource guide from the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. Bishop Ricken is the former Chairman and a current member of this committee and I humbly serve as a consultant to this committee. "Living as Missionary Disciples" provides dioceses and parishes and other church ministries with a road map to "new paths for the Church's journey" of evangelization. It is

not intended to provide a ready-made program for a parish to follow or a detailed strategic plan to implement. Rather, it offers principles that dioceses and parishes can apply to their efforts in evangelization and missionary discipleship.

You can order a hard copy from the USCCB or access the digital resource online by [clicking here](#)

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any the Department of New Evangelization team members,



Blessings,

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The New Evangelization Network



The New Evangelization Network is a gathering of evangelization leaders from throughout the Diocese of Green Bay who support, affirm and network as ministers and are grappling with issues of discipleship and evangelization. As disciples on the way, this community of evangelization leaders invites all those from around the Diocese to gather and support one another. All are welcome! Lunch is provided by the Department of New Evangelization.

If you have any questions, please call Julianne Stanz, Department of New Evangelization, at jstanz@gbdioc.org or call (920) 272-8270.

RSVP is required for planning purposes to Maria Garcia, Department of New Evangelization, at mgarcia@gbdioc.org or call (920) 272-8276.



SEPTEMBER 7 - DALE CARNEGIE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

with Deacon Paul Vidmar

9-3:30 p.m. @ Bona Hall (Room 39), Diocese of Green Bay

The Dale Carnegie process has successfully helped people to become more confident, resolve conflict successfully and develop long lasting relationships - all necessary leadership skills for those in ministry. During this workshop participants will learn how to build trust, credibility and report, conflict management skills, managing stress and working on core values. Limited to 40 participants. Cost is \$45 to attend.



NOVEMBER 7 - HOSPITABLE ME, HOSPITABLE PARISH!

with Mary Ann Otto and Jane Angha

9:30-1:00 p.m. @ Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh

Participants will discover how assessment, evaluation, plan design and development all work together to create a rich environment for parish welcome and hospitality. A vibrant parish is within your reach! No cost to attend.



JANUARY 16 - HOW TO SHARE JESUS WITH OTHERS

with Kyle Hanson

9:30-12:30 p.m. @ St Paul Parish, Combined Locks

What does a discipleship oriented one-one-one approach look like? FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) has a highly effective process for discipleship. Learn about their approach and how it applies to parish life. No cost to attend.



MARCH 6 - PEACE & JUSTICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

with Brother Seirse of Holy Resurrection Monastery

9:30-12:30 p.m. @ Sacred Heart Parish, Shawano

This workshop will explore not only how the proclamation of the Social Doctrine of the Church is integral to the New Evangelization but will also teach us what tools tradition gives us to meet this exciting challenge for today. Not cost to attend.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

IS ALPHA CATHOLIC ENOUGH?

Alpha is Milk: Not Solid Food

By Joe Tremblay

One answer to the objection that Alpha is not Catholic enough is that it sometimes takes an outsider to show us insiders how wise the Catholic Church is in her teachings. Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican minister who founded Alpha, simply presents the beginning of a discipleship process as taught by the Catholic Church since Apostolic times.

What I found interesting is that there is a biblically proscribed "diet" for those who have entered into this discipleship process. The New Testament makes a distinction between milk and solid food. This is key in understanding the role of Alpha.

Read more about what the Catholic Church teaches regarding "milk" and "solid food" within a discipleship context by clicking [here](#).

Answers to the 10 Most Common Objections To Running Alpha In A Catholic Context

By Dick Kiernan

Excerpt from article:

Objection #3- Alpha Contradicts Catholic Teaching and is harmful to Catholics:

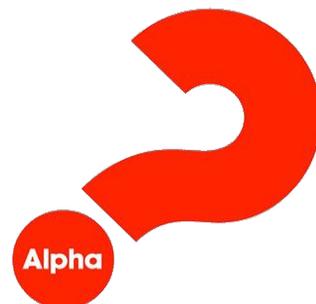
"The Vatican invited Alpha to World Youth Day at Cologne [under Pope Benedict XVI], Germany in 2005 and then in Sydney, Australia in 2008, and hierarchical leaders from around the world have endorsed Alpha. Despite all these Catholic recommendations, there are some individuals that claim that Alpha contradicts Catholic teaching and is harmful to Catholics."

Read more clicking [here](#).

Alpha Training Update

Alpha In A Minute:

Why does Alpha work? What topics does it cover?
And where is it the most effective in the discipleship process?
Click [here](#) for more information.



Who Is This For?

Keep in mind that for the Alpha trainings from November of 2017 and January of 2018, only those parish staff / volunteers that have been selected to lead *as Alpha small group*

facilitators should attend. The number of Alpha small group facilitators per parish is determined by the number of small groups the parish leadership team will be comprised of.

For instance, if the parish leadership team consist of a total of 20 parish staff and volunteers, then the Alpha small groups should number about 2-3; depending on how many participants are assigned per group. But if the parish leadership team is comprised of only 8 parish staff and volunteers, then only one person should be delegated to be the Alpha small group facilitator. As such, he or she would be eligible to attend the Alpha training.

Also, during the Winter/Spring of 2018, after parishes have delegated their small group facilitators to be trained, only the parish leadership team should be going through the 11 week Alpha course. The larger parish community will have the opportunity to experience Alpha the following year.

Preregistration:

As we schedule these Alpha trainings at central locations throughout the diocese and develop Constant Contact registration pages, I wanted to give parish leaders a head start in the interim:

First, you can preregister by contacting Maria Garcia at (920) 272-8276 | mgarcia@gbdioc.org for one of the following Alpha trainings offered here at the GBD campus- Melania Hall |Room 13 on the following dates:

- Tuesday, November 7th (9AM-3PM)
- Tuesday, November 14th (9AM-3PM)
- Tuesday, November 21st (9AM-3PM)
- Tuesday, November 28th (9AM-3PM)

Just Added:

- Thursday, November 9th (9AM-3PM) St. Anthony Parish, Niagara

Another option is to contact me directly at (920) 272-8313 or jtremblay@gbdioc.org to schedule an appointment for consultation or a training.

As for additional dates and parish locations for Alpha trainings, I will be sending out notice via email and posting it on the GBD website as they get confirmed.

Training Day Agenda

8:30-9:00AM	Arrival time
9:00-9:30AM	Opening Prayer & Introductions
9:30-10:00AM	Why Alpha?
10:00-10:30AM	Alpha Recipe: Principles and Structure
10:30-10:45AM	<i>Break</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Alpha Builder: Basics, Environment and Action
11:45-12:30PM	Lunch
12:30-1:30PM	Healing and Shared Prayer
1:30-1:45PM	<i>Break</i>
1:45-2:30PM	Small Group Dynamics Logistics: Promotion
2:30-3:00PM	Questions & Answers

Preregistration:

Constant Contact Event Page is currently under construction.

Payment: Pay at the door
Admission fee: \$15.00 (to cover lunch and packet material)

Fall of 2017 GBD Adult Confirmation Program

Adult Confirmation Classes will be offered this fall starting on August 24th. Location: Diocese of Green Bay- Melania Hall -Room 13 (downstairs).



The Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, October 8th at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. For more information, download our [flyer](#) or the [one page overview](#) of the adult confirmation curriculum.

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Registration: Contact Maria Garcia at (920) 272-8276 or mgarcia@gbdioc.org



A sneak peek at what August Impact Brings:

Who are you? You are God's beloved.

It may sometimes feel as though you are only a face in the crowd, yet faith tells us something radically different: in Baptism, we are drawn to Christ as God's beloved.

Are you ever fearful, insecure, or uncertain? Do you sometimes wonder about your place in the world? Are there times when you feel that God is distant or absent? Do you need courage, strength, to be bold or ready to take risks? **You are God's beloved.**

Un poco de lo que incluye Impacto en Agosto:

¿Quién eres? Eres el amado, la amada, de Dios.

En ocasiones podría sentirse como si sólo fueras un rostro en la multitud, pero la fe nos dice algo radicalmente diferente: en el Bautismo, somos llevados a Cristo

como los amados y amadas de Dios.

¿Alguna vez has sentido miedo, inseguridad o incertidumbre? ¿En ocasiones te has preguntado sobre tu lugar en el mundo? ¿Hay momentos en que sientes que Dios está distante o ausente? ¿Necesitas valor, fortaleza, para ser audaz o estar listo para tomar riesgos? **Eres el amado, la amada, de Dios.**

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: [Click here.](#) **PASSWORD:** Subscribe4Impact
- Impacto - Spanish: [Click here.](#) **PASSWORD:** ImpactoSubscriber
- General Information: [Click here.](#)

CLICK HERE FOR THIS MONTH'S COPY OF IMPACT

[August 2017 Impact](#)

[Impacto Para Agosto 2017](#)



So what can your parish do to support your college students?

Each year, as summer draws to a close, many of you will find your college-bound students preparing to leave your parish to begin the next phase of their lives--their post-secondary education. For most young adults, college is their first home away from home, their first community that they will call their own. During this time of transition from home to college, connecting with campus ministry can be important for a sense of continuity. Newman Centers/Catholic Campus Ministries are places for fellowship and discovery where

young people have the opportunity in a new environment, to meet peers and exchange ideas while at the same time continuing their spiritual journey and intellectual growth. During this time of transition they still need support from parishes back home.

It is important for parishes to recognize their college students, raise awareness about Catholic campus ministry and find ways to support their young adults away at school. So while your students are striving to spread the word about the Catholic faith on their campuses and in their lives, the rest of the parish has the opportunity to lovingly spread the word about their good work and ministry.

So what can your parish do to support your college students?

- Invite a student or young adult from the parish to give a witness talk on how campus ministry is/was a support during their college years.
- Recognize your college students by hosting a dinner, send care packages or remember them with a Mass intention.
- Designate a parish liaison. Parishes could call forth one person willing to volunteer to be a contact with the students away at college. In this manner the parish could be informed about the students away and have contact with the students on their return during breaks.
- Establish pray partners for your college students. Have list of students away at college and ask parishioners to sign up with a student to remember them in prayer during the academic year. They may even want to send a note of support at different times throughout the semester.

Whatever you do for your college students this year, I ask that you keep them in your prayers as they hold fast to the traditions of our Catholic faith in the face of many challenges which campus life presents. Your love and support make possible so many beautiful opportunities for your students to encounter Christ and deepen their faith.

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A New School Year and Prayer Needs

The new school year at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh begins on September 6. We need all the prayers we can get so that as many students as possible fall in love with Jesus in His Church. Everything of value comes through the Lord. These are a few specific areas where we need prayers:

- **Welcome Week:** September 3-10. This is the most important week as our new students are making the friends they will have for all their college years. Pray that each new student finds a connection to Christ at the Newman Center.
- **Small Group Bible Studies:** Beginning the second week of classes. Our Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionaries lead small group Bible studies for students. Pray that we have many students in the Bible studies and that some of our students step up to lead their own Bible studies.
- **Alpha:** Starting September 27. If you are from the Diocese, hopefully you know what Alpha is. It is a basic course in Christianity. Our last session will be November 15. Pray that our students fall deeply in love with Jesus.
- **The Well:** Once month. We have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music. We also offer prayer team and confession. Pray that our students will find healing in the Lord.
- **Spiritual Impact Boot Camp:** December 1-3. This is a retreat on the Holy Spirit that is led by FOCUS. We will be going to Madison for this retreat. Pray that our students can rest in the Holy Spirit.

Thank you.

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



I was chatting with a group of young adults at a recent event about their struggles with finding a parish to belong to and for those that had were having troubles getting involved. It seems there wasn't room for them in ministries, or there weren't any other young adults to be with or they were asked to do things that weren't really what they were gifted in. Laughing they said young adults are often asked to help with the youth or children's catechesis. One young man said, "It's not that I don't like teenagers - but I am not good at that sort of thing - and wasn't even when *I* was a **teen!** Another brave soul said, " I have gotten used to being anonymous, and it has made me lazy. I really COULD step up and offer to do something - start it up and run with it.

This conversation made me think a bit about how young adults might find a place in the church, use their gifts and find meaning and purpose along the way.

1. Invite young adults to be on committees - two by two. They will bring a new perspective to parish life and activities.
2. Let young adults come up with things they want to do and help them to it. These don't have to be long term commitments but something like a pop up event!
3. Support, mentor, resource and affirm - a lot!
4. Be an advocate for young adults. Since they range in age from 18-39, their needs are many and varied. Find out what they need!
5. Step back and let them run with things!
6. Pray for them intentionally

Young Adult ministry has a good news to share!

We have our new Regional Coordinators for Young Adult Ministry and they are already busy making things happen. Our Diocese has been blessed with leaders who are joyful, passionate, motivated and faith-filled- here to help ministry to young adults flourish. Welcome to Kayla Gruse-Oshkosh, Todd Raether- Shawano, Emily Jenks- Fox Cities, Rachel Cohen-Manitowoc, Tracey Minish - Antigo and Sarah Bradford - Green Bay. Look for news from each region and invitations to get involved and shake things up!

Blessings,
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Something to think about this summer...

On Sunday, October 22 - Catholics of the world unite at Mass during **World Mission Sunday** to recommit themselves to their Baptismal call to be missionary disciples.

There are many ways we can observe Mission month, and **we have some great free materials.**

• Resources are now available - [Click Here!](#)

- For more information - [Click Here!](#)



Awesome Opportunity to become a Marriage Project Leader!!!

The Marriage Ministries Office is now accepting applications from young adults to be a PAID project leader for the Marriage Project Initiative.

Qualifications:

- Strong Leader
- Organization Skills
- Desire to want to work with the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay to promote a strong foundation for future marriages and relationships within your community.

For More information, application and stipend, [Click Here.](#)

Hurry!! Deadline for applications is September 15th, 2017.



Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Day of Enlightenment VII

Seeking to support, educate and empower Catholic women

When: Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: St. Jude Parish
420 Division Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

Use Door #3 and back parking lot off of Kellogg Street

Cost: \$20/person or six (6) for \$105

To register and for more information, [Click Here.](#)



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