

NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Who have you invited to become Catholic?

Dear Friends in Christ,

In our pews each week sit committed Catholics, non-Catholics, non-Christians, agnostics and atheists. Sometimes we presume that all of the people that we see in our parishes are at the same level of faith when nothing could be further from the truth. This month, I am sharing with you an important story from one of our own parishes. It underscores the important point that **we should never presume that those who are coming to our parishes have been invited to become Catholic, no matter how long they have been a part of our parish.**

Patricia, one of our valued parish business managers shared this incredibly touching story of how a woman named Mary became Catholic.

Here is a little snippet: "I asked her why she never became Catholic and she told me, "She didn't know how." Mary's answer started my mind racing with a million thoughts and questions. **Am I to understand that for forty-plus years this faithful woman attended Mass and raised her children in the parish and she was never embraced or invited to Catholicism?** Was this why her name was not included in the census?"

WOW! This is such an important reminder for us of the need to reach out, take initiative and be bold in our approach to evangelization. You can read the story of Patricia and Mary by [clicking here](#).

Reflect upon the question, who have you invited to be Catholic? For someone like Mary, it could make all the difference.

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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Summer Outreach: Ice-Cream Evangelization

How can you reach out to families during the Summer months?

This approach to build trust in our own community is shared from a parish in our Diocese and has a lot to teach us about how much small things can mean when it comes to sharing our faith.

"Maggie M. is the director of religious education in an urban parish. She sees the summer break as an opportunity to build community with her families and to engage those families she might not ordinarily see.

One of the ways that she and the parish staff do this is by attending sporting events at a recreational field, which is located just across the street from the parish. Maggie comments that this provides a "phenomenal opportunity to be kind and joyful neighbors to those in our community who might not otherwise think much about our parish (except for using the parking lot for sporting events!)."

You can read more about this approach by [visiting this link](#)

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:

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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).

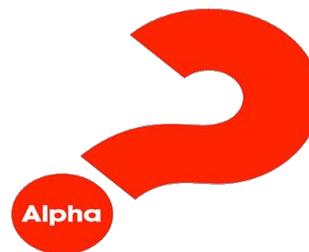
The Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, October 8th at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. For more information, download our [flyer](#) or the [one page overview](#) of the adult confirmation curriculum.



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

Alpha Training Update

Originally, Alpha trainings for the parish leaders were slated to be scheduled between August and November of 2017. However, the Chancery and the Department New Evangelization reconsidered this time frame due to the volume of discipleship seminars/convocation and retreats being offered this fall.



It was determined that the Alpha trainings would be a natural follow up to these diocesan discipleship events offered this fall. As such, the Department of New Evangelization will be offering Alpha trainings from November to January at the Diocese of Green Bay campus and at various parishes throughout the diocese.

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)

The second 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

Scheduling Adult Faith Formation Programs for 2017-18



This upcoming year, parishes can inquire about or schedule Adult Faith Formation programs without the mediation of the Department of New Evangelization. As such, it is not necessary to obtain permission from the diocese in order to host any of these presentations.

However, if your parish would like to host and sponsor one of the programs, please contact the adult faith formation speaker directly.

Quick but important note: Out of courtesy for the speakers who have to prepare and take time out of their busy schedules to provide this service, the following responsibilities for parishes to sponsor an adult faith formation program are:

1. Contacting the adult faith formation speaker directly.
2. Negotiating a stipend for the speaker.
3. Registering participants.
4. Promoting the AFF program.
5. Developing a flyer for the AFF program. However, if the speaker has one available, you are free to use their premade flyer.

Follow up is also important! With this, keeping participants plugged into the life of the Church is an essential part of evangelization and accompaniment. Although not mandatory, it would be most helpful if parish hosts would email Maria Garcia at mgarcia@gbdioc.org at the Department of New Evangelization with the names and contact information of participants following adult faith formation event. By taking that extra step, our department can notify participants in the NE newsletters about future opportunities.

In future NE newsletters, I will be featuring one adult faith formation program a month by briefly explaining its importance within the greater context of making disciples.

2017-18 AFF Program Listing & Contact Information

Why Loved Ones Leave the Church

Know Your Faith

Speaker: Fr. John Girotti

Questions about Fr. Girotti's presentations?

Email me at jtremblay@gbdioc.org

With All Your Heart: An Apostolate for Healing

Speaker: Bob Kroll

Email: bkroll707@att.net

Download [flyer](#)

Having Hope at the End of Life

Speaker: Tina Poppe

Email: tpoppe@sbcglobal.net
Download [flyer](#)

Doing It All

Adults, Youth, Cohabitation and Marriage

Praying with Women Who Followed Jesus

Praying with Women in the Genealogy of Jesus

Finding Trust in God Through Our Ancestors in Faith

Speaker: Deborah Gretzinger

Email: dgretzl@yahoo.com

Praying with Icons

The Jesus Prayer

Speakers: Abbot Nicholas and Fr. Maximos

Email: abbotnicholas@hrmonline.org and MDavies@gbdioc.org

From Africa to America: Finding Freedom Through Faith

Speaker: Egide Nimubona

Email: enimubona@educateburundi.org

End of Life: What You Need to Know!

Speakers: Dr. Robin Goldsmith and Joe Tremblay

Email: putric@new.rr.com

Right on Target

Speaker: Jim Vandehey

Email: buckjvh@sbcglobal.net

Questions? Please contact Maria Garcia at (920) 272-8276 or mgarcia@gbdioc.org.



A sneak peek at what July Impact Brings:

Start Now

Do you ever wish you could get your life in order? Take a chance. Start now. Our lives are filled with activity. We are tired, stressed, and can't think straight for all of the things we have to do. We need time away, yet at times, even the moments of vacation are planned down to the last minute. Some of the activity is good and necessary, but if we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that not all of it is. We might even benefit from a little down time every now and again.

Un poco de lo que incluye Impacto en Julio:

Comienza Ahora

¿Alguna vez has deseado poner tu vida en orden? Arriégate. Comienza ahora. Nuestras vidas están llenas de actividad. Estamos cansados, estresados, y no podemos pensar directamente en todas las cosas que tenemos que hacer. Necesitamos tiempo libre, sin embargo, en ocasiones, hasta los momentos de vacaciones son planeados en el último minuto. Parte de la actividad es buena y necesaria, pero si somos honestos con nosotros mismos, debemos admitir que no todo lo es. Podríamos incluso beneficiarnos de un poco de tiempo libre de vez en cuando.

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

[July 2017 Impact](#)

[Impacto Para Julio 2017](#)



High School Seniors Make the Newman Connection

Newman Connection is focused on strengthening today's Catholic young adults in the faith during their college years. They serve as an umbrella of support to the country's Catholic campus ministries. Currently, they are working with more than 400 campuses across the United States. Newman Connection is non-profit organization dedicated to providing a national support structure and unified brand to Catholic campus ministry. They assist campus ministries in their growth by providing a national outreach program and connecting students from all over the country to campus ministry.

Please encourage your soon to be college freshman or high school senior to connect with Newman Connection.

GET CONNECTED:

www.newmanconnection.com/connect

FIND A CAMPUS:

www.newmanconnection.com/find/campus

NEWMAN CENTERS:

www.newmanconnection.com/community

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College First Year Student, More or Less Religious?

We have a temptation to project our own experiences of the past into the present, to project who we were onto a current. This happens to me in the area of campus ministry.

I have been at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Newman Center since 2013. In the back of my mind, I thought the ministry, the campus culture and the students would be very close to my experience at the University of Arkansas, graduating in 2002. Since I started, I have seen how different things are for our current college young adults.

That is why an article caught my eye. It is "[College Freshmen Are Less Religious Than Ever](#)" by Allen Downey who writes for a blog for Scientific American. Downey looks at data of college first year students going from 2016 back to 1986. These are some of the findings:

- In 1986, 10% of incoming students were categorized as atheist, agnostic or "none."
- In 2016, 31% of incoming student were categorized as atheist, agnostic or "none."
- This growth seems to be "at the expense of Catholicism...and mainstream Protestant denominations."

Incoming students are far more secular than students 30 years ago. Incoming students are far more secular than my incoming class in 1998. This not only presents a current challenge to our campus ministries, but this is the wave of young adults who will be going to the world of work and family in a few short years, interacting with us and maybe our parish.

What does this mean? It means that we have an even greater mission with even more graces. The world still and always needs Jesus the Savior.

Many blessings to you!

Through the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

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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.

Summer in a tourist town is a great lesson in ministry and I have a few things to support my theory! My family moved to Sturgeon bay last year and had so much fun with all the events and activities happening all summer long. There was so much to do and it seemed like people came from all over the world...amazing in such a small place. This summer I decided to look at things from a different perspective - what does the influx of people and tourists do to the local residents and

how do they manage? I have observed these things so far:

1. Store owners and employees are

welcoming, happy and eager to share what they have with those visiting. You would think that after a few weeks it would be tiresome to be gracious and hospitable to visitors, but the locals see them as a gift and their livelihood. They strike up conversations and listen to people share their stories-making visitors feel like they belong. This seems to be a great idea for us in our parish communities. Everyone ought to be welcomed, listed to and made to feel like they are family.

2. I see

patience - lots of it. Drivers from out of town really do know how to drive, but sometimes being away from home or familiar territory has people do some crazy things. People seem prepared for that in our community. No signals, u-turns in bad places, missing stops signs - it's all taken in stride. I love that. It makes for a safe community, but it also has shown me that it takes time for people to get their bearings. Parishes and ministries with lots of patience with people and growth will reap the benefits - people who kindness has been shown are willing to share it with others. that makes for happy healthy small groups, ministries and parishes!

3. The city knows who it is, what it's

assets and strengths are and is happy and proud to share who they are! Cherry orchards, wineries, state parks, beaches - there is so much to do and see and the community makes the most of it's marketing, invitation and welcoming. Parishes and ministries can do this too - not try to be something they are not - but to be genuine and authentic. That is attractive - not so much all the bells and whistles you might think people want but just something real, welcoming and happy.

4. The city knows how to

celebrate - how to honor businesses and people who have been successful. It's wonderful to get a text message about a gallery who was invited to have their work in the Smithsonian or a wine that was top rated from a local place. They celebrate and make the most of the success - an individual's success is the community's. Would that we would know our parishioners or ministry teams or small group members that well - to celebrate and honor them with their work at their jobs, volunteering or personal successes. It makes us feel a part of something wonderful, holy and special.

Cherry picking is just around the corner - along with fish boils, camping, music festivals and the Farmer's markets - I hope you find places where you are to discover God working in your community too. Happy summer!

Regional Young Adult Ministry

We have our new Regional Coordinators for 2017-2018 and we will introduce you to them all next month! We have six regions that will be staffed through grant funding to help start, grow and support young adult ministry in your area. There will be an amazing someone in your area who will be able to support, resource and encourage a wide variety of Young Adult events and experiences in the coming year. Look for the announcement for the Lakeshore, Antigo, Fox Cities, Green Bay, Oshkosh and Shawano!

Thank you for your patience as we grow and develop young adult ministry in the Diocese. To help guide our year, we are inviting applicants for a Young Adult advisory committee - if you feel called or inspired to be a part of the team, email or call Jane Angha. We have lots to do!

Summer events for Young Adults.

If you are looking for some summer events to join in - check out Kickball at Annunciation parish in Green Bay - every Saturday at 6 pm. Meet some new friends and find out what's going on for Young Adults!

We are co-hosting a Habitat for Humanity Build for Young Adults in Antigo on July 22nd. We would love to have you join for that along with a carload of friends! for more info

contact Tracey at: antigoff@gmail.com

Put August 2 into your calendars too - Spirituality and Sushi is happening. Great food, music and a bit of networking and fun. Check our Facebook page for details!

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! If you want to be added to our mailing list - just email mgarcia@gbdioc.org.

"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." Henri Mouwen

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!](#)



Striving to Lead Men to Intentional Discipleship

Saturday, August 5, 2017 - Walk for Vocations

Register > [Here](#)

View the Walk route > [Here](#)

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