

NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

How do I share my story of faith? How do I help others to share their story of faith?

"Whether you were baptized as a child or joined the Church as an adult,
you have a story of faith.

Whether you sincerely live your faith in quiet or have a great public
ministry, *you have a story of faith.*

Whether you have a grade-school knowledge of the catechism or have a
theological degree, *you have a story of faith."*

Go and Make Disciples, USCCB

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus' preferred method of helping others to understand his Father, the Kingdom and even himself was through storytelling; specifically through the parables. A large part of making disciples of Jesus means that we need to be able to share our story of faith, integrate our story into the Great Story (God's story) and be able to share that story (God's story and our story) effectively with others.

In order to be effective disciples and storytellers, each of us must start with our own story of faith. Many Catholics mistakenly believe that they do not have a story of faith because nothing dramatic has happened. But it is in the ordinary everyday moments of our lives that we realize and come to an awareness of God's unending love. This is our story of faith. This newsletter has a number of resources to help you discover your story, unpack your story and share your story with others. Some are good for adults, others for children.

1. Discovering Your Story [Click here](#)
2. Unpacking Your Story [Click here](#)
3. My Story (Simple 1 page handout) [click here](#)
4. Faith Based Story Methodology (great for working with children) [Click here](#)
2. Giving Your Witness (simple 1 page handout) [Click 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,



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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

[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



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH- PLYMOUTH, MI:

How does this Catholic "mega-church" do it? Why is it nationally known for its beautiful liturgy, hospitality, and discipleship process? The summary of our visit may provide some needed insights for your parish.



Click here for the following:

- [Summary article on our visit to OLG](#)
- [Pictures](#)
- [Alpha Report](#)

Vision Cast for the Diocese of Green Bay

On May 18th, Fr. Dan Felton, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, was the keynote speaker for *Inspiring Disciples on the Way* workshop. Fr. Dan led our discussion by casting the vision for the Diocese of Green Bay for all pastoral and parish leaders in attendance.

In a nutshell, the paradigm shift for the Diocese of Green Bay will be one where the "picture frame" of discipleship will be placed around everything we do. In the years to come, all ministries and services offered by the Diocese of Green Bay will ultimately be ordained toward that end. To learn more about the *Disciples on the Way Strategic Overview*, click [here](#).



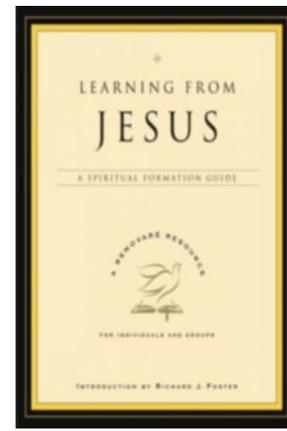
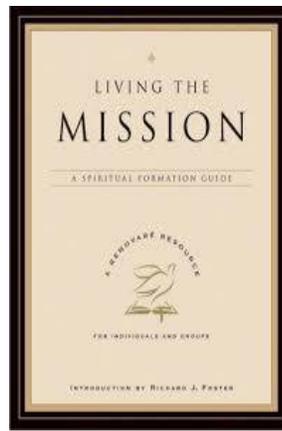
Book Review:

By Joe Tremblay

Learning from Jesus:
A Spiritual Formation Guide

Living the Mission:
A Spiritual Formation Guide

By Julia L. Roller, Lynda L. Graybeal
Publisher: Harper San Francisco



If you're looking for a resource that addresses spiritual formation within a discipleship process, this two volume spiritual formation guide is for you! Click [here](#) for an overview and review of these two books.

Book Quotes of the Month:

"When we compare the number of individual encounters Jesus has with the number of times we see him address a crowd, it seems clear that Jesus prefers this type of one-on-one interaction."

"There is a God-ordained way to become the kind of people and communities that can fully and joyfully enter into such abundant living. And this involves intentionally 'training...in godliness' (I Tim 4:7). This is the purpose of the disciplines of spiritual life."

-Learning from Jesus and Living the Mission



2017-18 Adult Faith Formation Programs

A note about this upcoming year's adult faith formation programs: I will be setting up a system where parish leaders will contact the adult faith formation speakers directly. As it stands, I will be removing myself as the mediator of these events to focus on Alpha trainings throughout the Diocese of Green Bay (information forthcoming on Alpha trainings).

In the month of June, I will be sending out a *Adult Faith Formation Speaker and Topic Contact Sheet* (with guidelines) so that parish leaders can schedule presentations directly.

Fr. John Girotti will continue to offer *Why Loved Ones Leave the Church* and *Know Your Faith* presentations.

Any questions: Please contact me at (920) 272-8276 or jtremblay@gbdioc.org.





Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

A sneak peek at what June Impact Brings: Filled with the presence of God

People sometimes say they have a difficult time perceiving the Holy Spirit, and yet, the presence of the Holy Spirit within us is like the background in a painting that allows the image to shine through: as people created in God's image and likeness, it is the power of the Holy Spirit that infuses us with the gifts, guidance, wisdom, and courage to live as Christian disciples and stewards.

Un poco de lo que incluye Impacto en Junio: Llenos de la presencia de Dios

Las personas en ocasiones dicen que tienen dificultades para percibir al Espíritu Santo, y, sin embargo, la presencia del Espíritu Santo dentro de nosotros es como el fondo de una pintura que permite que la imagen brille a través de: como personas creadas a imagen y semejanza de Dios, es el poder del Espíritu Santo que nos infunde los dones, la guía, la sabiduría y el valor para vivir como discípulos y corresponsables cristianos.

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

[June 2017 Impact](#)

[Impacto Para Junio 2017](#)



Catholic Campus Ministry UWGB

At this time of the year high school seniors are so busy finishing school, saying "see you" to their classmates, working at summer jobs and beginning the process of packing their belongings for the adventure ahead. There is really very little time to think about the transition their faith life will make as they move into college life.

As a Catholic Campus Minister on a university campus my focus is to help guide students through this transition. My goal is to help students grow into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.

Recently, I had the opportunity to take part in a webinar sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministers Association: ***"The Holy Spirit Doesn't Stop" reaching college students who do not come to ministry events***

The conversation between 41 campus ministers from all types of colleges and universities was based on the importance of meeting students one on one. Going to them where they are on campus; the cafeteria, sports centers, library, coffee shop, etc. To begin casual conversations with students based on the assumptions that:

- **Everyone needs Jesus**
- **The Holy Spirit goes before us**
- **As ministers we are called to collaborate with the Holy Spirit**

As trust begins to build you can gently begin the conversation about their faith. It is not uncommon for first year students to be overwhelmed at times with all the activity and newness of their college transition and faith is a part of this change. We are there to assure them there is place for them to come and ask their questions without being judged. That there is a community who invites them to **pray, serve and belong.**

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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.

The Joy of the Gospel Convocation is being held July 1-5 in Orlando, a first of its kind and our Diocese is going well-prepared. Several months ago, Bishop Ricken had a brilliant idea to bring a young adult delegation to the conference and we have a pretty incredible group gathered to represent the Diocese - Andrew Mulloy, Adam Horn, Fr. Scott Valentyn, Ryan Gietman, Jimmy Pineda, Maikue Vang, Faviola Alvarez, Sarah Bradford, Rayna Tucker, Sarah Gavin, Maggie Melchior, and me, Jane Angha. Father Dan Felton, Bishop Ricken and Julianne Stanz will be there as well with other leadership roles.



We have been studying and discussing the Apostolic Exhortation - The Joy of the Gospel and have had some great conversations. **What does it really mean to be a missionary disciple?** How do we reach people on the margins and what are the margins today? How are we called to be Christ in the world in our workplaces, homes and the world? **Why is joy such an important component in the life of a disciple?** Are we joyful? Will our efforts be enough to invite those who no longer come to church or know their faith? Are we authentic as people, parishes and communities? Questions - lots. We hope to find some answers or to grapple with the questions with others during our time there. It is a rather unusual conference - meant to do just that. **Please pray along with us and every diocesan delegation:**

O Holy Spirit, you who first enkindled in our hearts the joy of the Gospel, renew that same joy in those who are preparing for the Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

Enflame the hearts of our bishops and their diocesan delegations; leaders of national organizations and movements; clergy, religious and laity; all who make this event possible; and Catholic leaders across the United States.

Move us to welcome the word of life in the depths of our hearts and respond to the call of missionary life.

O Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and enable us to enter into the perfect communion that you share with the Father and the Son.

Mary Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us, Amen.

Regional Young Adult Ministry

We have finished interviewing the 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.

We have a new resource coming out that will help parishes start and support young adult efforts and learn how to build something with a solid foundation. If you don't have young adult ministry in your parish - call and we can help you get things going and connect you to the right resources and leaders!

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! There are some great things happening in the Fox Cities too - just check in with Luke Gietman and his amazing interns! lgietman@stmarygreenville.org

[Click Here for Kickball Flyer!](#)

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!

Be a gift to the world!



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!](#)



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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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