

# NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

## Is your parish in maintenance or in mission mode?

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people."  
Pope Francis- Evangelii Gaudium # 268

Mission is inseparable from discipleship. **We are disciples not of a program or a process but of a person. We are not chosen for something but for someone.** At the heart of discipleship is a relationship with a person-the person of Jesus Christ, whose mission is to bring us to the Father through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

As disciples on the pilgrim path, we are called as the Body of Christ to walk with others on their journey of faith and lead them to Christ. We often ask the question "how can we get all those people out there, to join us here in our parish?" This is only a part of the question we should be asking. Instead, mission asks "How can we get all of the people in here at our parish out to share the Good news?"

In the book "Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples" there is a valuable chapter that explores the differences between a "maintenance-oriented" parish culture versus a "mission-oriented" parish culture. I have taken the essence of chapter and put it into an easy format for you to use in your ministry. You can access the document for use in your ministry by [clicking here](#). I hope that this will be helpful for use in your ministry!

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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

CES II- May 15-17

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



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

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# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**REGISTRATION CLOSES- MONDAY, MAY 15TH**  
**AT 3:00 PM!!**

**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 the flyer.  
Click [here](#) for the agenda.

### **Register Today:**

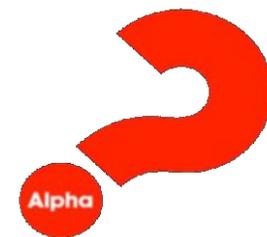
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## **What did we learn from our Alpha-Fact-Finding-Trip to Michigan?**

Two parish leaders (Anita Revord from St. Thomas More Parish- Appleton and Kara Main from St. Bernard Parish- Appleton) and I visited the following people, places and apostolates in the Archdiocese of Detroit the weekend of May 6-8, 2017:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish- Plymouth.
- St. John Neumann Parish- Canton.
- Christ the King- Ann Harbor.
- ID. 916 (Apostolate for Young Adult Ministry).
- Deacon Steve Mitchell, National Director of Alpha in a Catholic Context.
- The Archdiocese of Detroit Evangelization and Catechesis Team.



This [summary report](#) is by no means exhaustive. It includes just some of our observations regarding their promotion of Alpha, their preparations for the Alpha Course, some key insights on the implementation and oversight of the Alpha Course, the post-Alpha follow up and the organizational health of leadership teams. It is our hope that these insights will aid the pastoral and parish leaders in the Diocese of Green Bay.

## **Book Quote of the Month:**



"Some pastors we spoke with have shifted their efforts from a programmatic learning style to an emphasis on individual spiritual growth...Parishes often provide community building and educational opportunities, assuming that involvement in these activities will naturally deepen a sense of discipleship in participants. Many of the pastors interviewed turned this assumption upside down. They begin by directing financial and human resources into spiritual growth initiatives. They start by addressing the spiritual hunger in their parishioners. As faith grows and a deepened understanding of discipleship develops, many parishioners become more committed to the life and mission of parish community."

## What Other Archdioceses and Parishes Are Doing?

- The Archdiocese of Baltimore: [Be Missionary Disciples](#)
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish- Plymouth, MI: [Discipleship Groups](#)

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## Post-Alpha?

Many Catholics yearn to live more deeply inside the Gospel by engaging in the courageous work of transformation that Jesus said would anchor them to withstand any storm. By addressing each of several topics from everyday life, New Leaven helps persons and couples close the gap between the Gospel and the way they actually live at home. This is done not just by human effort, but by seeking the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit while gathered with others as a small group of disciples. As the level of prayerful trust and courage grows, the group becomes more and more expectant for what God will do in their midst.



New Leaven is thus for maturing disciples who have already found new life in the Holy Spirit through a New Evangelization. As these everyday lives become more authentically Christian, the evidence can be quite striking, although humble. They tend to pose a subtle, leavening presence in the community, a powerful stimulus for parish renewal.

Learn more about New Leaven by clicking [here](#).

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# Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

## A sneak peek at what May Impact Brings:

### Living stones

What are you building? Lasting relationships, a career, a family? Do you build others up? Are you building a better world? What we build says a lot about who we are.

**Each of us has only so many hours in a day, and we do not know when our last day on earth will be.** We make many choices in the course of our days and weeks, months and years. How will we use our time? What needs our attention? Who needs our presence and care? We may build something that matters, or waste the opportunities we have in favor of passing things. **Through our decisions and actions, we build a life, the total sum of all that we are and do.**

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

### Piedras vivas

¿Qué estás edificando? ¿Relaciones duraderas, una carrera, una familia? ¿Edificas a otros? ¿Estás construyendo un mundo mejor? Lo que construimos dice mucho sobre quiénes somos.

**Cada uno de nosotros tiene sólo tantas horas en el día, y no sabemos cuándo será nuestro último día en la tierra.** Hacemos muchas elecciones en el transcurso de nuestros días y semanas, meses y años. ¿Cómo usaremos nuestro tiempo? ¿Que necesita nuestra atención? ¿Quien necesita nuestra presencia y cuidado? Podemos construir algo que importe, o desperdiciar las oportunidades que tenemos en favor de cosas pasajeras. **A través de nuestras decisiones y acciones, construimos una vida, la suma total de todo lo que somos y hacemos.**

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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/>

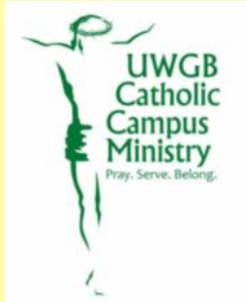
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## **CLICK HERE FOR THIS MONTH'S COPY OF IMPACT**

**[May 2017 Impact](#)**

**[Impacto Para Mayo 2017](#)**



### **Connecting with college students over break: they're bringing home more than their laundry...**

**"They're bringing home their spiritual and religious doubts ... and they need to know that you'll stick with them." Steve Argue**

Parents frequently find themselves wondering what happened to their children as they move from one stage to another. From toddler to school-age to tween to teen, there are dramatic changes. But there is no more dramatic change than that of a high schooler to a college student. And that transition is never more obvious than when your college student comes home for the summer.

Steve Argue, PhD, from the Fuller Institute shared his research on how college students encounter new experiences and ideas that challenge their religious and spiritual assumptions when they enter college. "Students share that they were comfortable working through their intellectual challenges, but feared that if they expressed their questions, doubts, or beliefs that diverged from what their parents believed, there would be relational consequences. They didn't want to upset Mom, or make Dad angry, or disappoint their parish ministers." In short, young adults fear that expressing religious doubt will lead to relational fallout.

"Parents, assume that your children who are walking through that door have raised new faith questions, experienced doubt, and are formulating their own religious/spiritual ideas. Create space to talk about their evolving

faith, and seek to understand them. They need your assurance that your relationship is secure". They need your understanding-not for you to fix them.

*If you don't know what to say, try these conversation starters:*

- "How is your faith different now, compared to a year or six months?"
- "What are you reading that's inspiring you?"
- "Where and with whom did you find a space in your weekly activities to worship?"
- "What was challenging in practicing your faith in college?"
- "What is something you don't believe anymore that you think I still believe?"
- "What is something you believe that you don't think I believe?"
- "As a family, how can we support you in your faith journey this summer?"
- "What was your prayer life like on campus?"
- "Where did you find a group of students that you could share your religious beliefs?"



**Don't let this summer past without having some heart to heart conversations with your young adults. These conversations can be rewarding and growth filled of all of you.**

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## What is a Newman Center?

This is a question that I get from people in the parishes and also from our newly arrived students.

I had the same question. I went to college at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. While I made some poor choices in the first year of college, eventually I wanted to practice my faith. I encountered the Newman Center there. At the Newman Center I found a ministry that was geared to me as a college student. As a college ministry, they didn't have religious education, home visits and other things that we associate with

parishes. They almost exclusively served a population in the Church that can be forgotten, college aged students. The Newman Center changed my life.

We have a Newman Center at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. We almost exclusively focus on our college students. We are located very near to campus. Serving the students. This means providing the sacraments: Sunday Mass, Weekday Mass, and Confession five days a week. This means providing prayer experiences: daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a monthly praise and worship service, an intercessory prayer group and a prayer team. This means providing the student with intentional discipleship. We have four FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionaries. They provide seven Bible students on campus as well as invest in specific students not only to help them be disciples, but be disciple makers. This means providing students with opportunities for service, catechesis, fellowship meals and retreats.

That is what our Newman Center is and does.

[If you are interested, this is a very short article on the history of Newman Centers.](#)

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.***

I helped set up and clean up for my friend's last night of Lifeteen at the big end of the year bash along with some other lovely people recently. I was struck by just a few things and want to point them out because if you are in ministry, if you volunteer in ministry - **you are important to the community and YOU matter!**

This particular parish has been struck by tragedy and hardship this past year. The staff has had it's share of stress and grief with it being difficult to find joy, energy and maybe even hope at times. As an objective observer I saw quite a few things that made me know **God is good, gracious, kind and loving.**

1. The volunteers and core team of all ages( but lots of young adults) and backgrounds joyfully greeted every person as they walked into church. They hugged, they called people by name and invited them to the big party after mass.

**Hospitality was evident!**

2. The liturgy was prayerful, joyful, honest and beautiful. Was it perfect - I doubt it, but it wouldn't have mattered - people wanted to be there . They participated, sang, shared gifts and enjoyed having their pastor back in their midst. His homily told them



that they had been the presence of God in his life while he was away. They reminded him that God cared for him. **Beautiful.**

3. The youth minister thanking all who are a part of their youth ministry was touching. Simple, sweet, funny and honest. She let them know it hadn't been an easy year, but the community made everything possible. She is **authentic and genuine.** They love her for that!

For some reason I thought of the movie **It's a Wonderful Life** when George Bailey sees what the world would have been like without him. I had a moment where I imagined this community - my community without this wonderful youth minister. It wasn't pretty. **Joy, faith that's on fire, authenticity, imperfection, grace and promise.** These are the things she has shared, encouraged and fought for, for the families and teenagers. She has planted a ton of seeds - it will be fun to see how they bloom in the years to come.

You too have gifts to share, strengths to use and stories of faith to share. Find a parish to join, a community to belong to, a ministry that needs your energy and passion and **share the amazing you!**

### **Regional Young Adult Ministry**

Just a little update on how our new model for young adult ministry is going. We had a slow start this year as we learned how to work the idea of five regions and one consultant to help coordinate efforts around the diocese - but we have found our groove! **We know this model is a good one** for us with over 150 parishes and thousands of young adults in our Diocese. We are in the midst of getting our new **Regional Coordinators** on board for the 2017-2018 year and have a great sense of what we are hoping to accomplish. Most importantly - there will be 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 support young adult efforts and know how to build something with a solid foundation and we will offer workshops in the fall to share this and to help parishes find their way with young adults ministry

**Thank you** for your patience as we grow this project. 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**

We are putting together a list of events for young adults around the Diocese for the summer months. If you have things planned and would like others to join you - let us know by email or facebook message! We have heard that there will be weekly Kickball games, Frisbee Golf, cookouts and more. Look for a formalized schedule on Facebook!

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:**

We are able to love, because He first loved us.



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## BENEFIT CONCERTS FOR HOLY RESURRECTION MONASTERY

Join Bishop David Ricken in Support of Our Eastern Catholic Brethren in St. Nazianz, WI

**Sunday, May 21**

Appleton - 2 p.m. at St Mary Catholic Church, Appleton

Green Bay - 7 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay

[Click Here](#) for more information!



### 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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