

## Department of New Evangelization



Diocese of  
Green Bay

# YOUNG ADULT (18-39) MINISTRY DISCIPLESHIP & FORMATION COORDINATOR

## A MENU OF OPTIONS

I would be happy to come to your parish. I am available for presentations to Parish Councils, Committees, or parish groups. I'd love to meet with your young adults and other parishioners, including religious education parents as well! I'm also very willing to lead longer workshops, retreats or days of reflection on the above or other topics, with a particular focus on teaching the Scriptures through the lens of evangelization. Thank you! Phil Lawson: [plawson@gbdioc.org](mailto:plawson@gbdioc.org); 920-272-8304



### Appetizers

**“The Holy Spirit and the Spiritual Life of Young Adults”** *1 hour presentation*  
Many of our young adults were confirmed but have yet to encounter the Holy Spirit on a deeper level. At the same time, they are seeking something deeper, but don't know what that is. Using the account of Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40) we'll discuss the Holy Spirit and the spiritual lives of young adults.

**“The New Evangelization and Encountering Christ in the Gospels”** *-1 hour presentation, or as workshops of various lengths or all day retreat.* Each of these hour long Scriptural presentations feature a different encounter with Christ as a template for our own discipleship efforts in the New Evangelization

### **“How to Integrate Young Adults into Your Parish”**

*30 min to 1 hour*  
Practical workshop and discussion for how to reach out to young adults, disciple them, and integrate them into parish life.



### Entrees



**God the Father: Rich in Mercy** *- 1 hour*  
Explore Bl. Pope John Paul II's encyclical on God the Father and apply as it relates to us and our lives today and especially young adults.

### **God the Holy Spirit: Lord & Giver of Life**

*1 hour presentation*  
Explore Bl. Pope John Paul II's encyclical on the Holy Spirit and apply as it relates to our lives today and especially young adults.

### **Reconciliation: The Sacrament of the New Evangelization**

*1 hour.*  
Cardinal Timothy Dolan referred to Confession as “the sacrament of the New Evangelization.” Explore why that is, and why young people are flocking to it, especially at events like World Youth Day, the Annual March for Life and at every retreat. The theology and practical questions about the sacrament will also be covered.



### **Eucharist: Food for the Journey**

*1 hour*  
Surveys indicate nearly 2/3 of Catholics do not understand the Church's teaching about the Eucharist. Explore the riches of the Eucharist, Biblically, historically, and in the stories of the saints and the miraculous.

### **Confirmation: The Fire of the Holy Spirit**

*1 hour.*  
The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to equip and ignite the Christian for the life of discipleship in Christ. Come discover or re-discover the gift of the Holy Spirit given at Confirmation.

### **To Be a Man of God**

*1 to 1.5 hours*  
Using “First Line of Defense” a short DVD by Doug Barry we'll discuss what it means to be fully a Man of God, as a husband, father, or single man.

### **Various Marriage & “Date Night” Presentations**

*Varying lengths.*  
Presentations on helping couples prepare for marriage in your parish or practical sessions for couples on strengthening a marriage.



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### Dessert

#### “Six Encounters with Jesus: Evangelization through the Gospels”

This session will explore several encounters Jesus had with ordinary people in the Bible and how this changed their lives. We will explore how these encounters can serve as a template for evangelization today. Participants will have the opportunity to do some exegesis and apply the material to their own lives and the world around us. The course will be beneficial for anyone who teaches, including those working in the RCIA, as well as anyone who simply wants to learn more. We will spend the day, in a certain sense living out Pope Benedict's beautiful exhortation in *Deus Caritas est*, “*Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.*”



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Greetings in Christ and thanks for looking at this page! I am looking forward to working with you!

As a word of introduction about myself, I am greatly blessed to be married to my wife of eight years, Patty, and we have four children.

Over the last 14+ years, I have been richly blessed to participate in nearly every aspect of parish life. I have been part of everything from religious education as a Director of Catechesis & Evangelization; to youth ministry; to being a pastoral associate; in other words, the popular “womb to tomb” job description

of parish life! I even coached and played for our parish softball team!

I have a Masters of Theological Studies (MTS) degree from the Institute for Pastoral Theology (Ave Maria University) and very much enjoy teaching the faith. In particular, I enjoy working with young adults, especially in vocational discernment, marriage and baptism preparations, and RCIA, engaging on the front lines of the New Evangelization.

I keep the following quote in my office, “**He loves us. He does what he teaches. He forgives his enemies. His teaching is good.**” This was from a catechumen studying under St. Peter Chanel, explaining why he believed Peter's teaching. It's an approach, by the Grace of God, that I seek to emulate. Thank you again and God bless you!