

NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month brings the announcement of exciting changes to the Department of New Evangelization!

As we continue to walk with our parishes more deeply into missionary discipleship as "Disciples on the Way", abundant opportunities to serve our parishes in new ways continues to emerge.

With that being said, I will serve in a new way during this transition. My new role will be as Director of Discipleship and Leadership Formation for the Diocese of Green Bay. Please keep me in your prayers.

The newly created Discipleship and Leadership development team will assist our parishes to continue the journey of missionary discipleship begun in our new evangelization efforts.

In order to support this work, I am hiring for two new positions to work directly with myself and Father Luke Ferris (Vicar for Priests) for our Discipleship and Leadership Development Team.

The first position is a Director of Discipleship and the second position is a Discipleship Support Coordinator position.

If you feel the Lord calling you to either of these roles and would like to join our team you can find out more information and apply by visiting [the Diocesan website here](#)

Joe Tremblay's new position will be Parish Evangelization Director. Joe, myself and these positions will continue to serve our parishes together to foster a culture of discipleship that continues to move us from maintenance to mission.

Please keep our team and myself in prayer as we venture out into the deep waters of missionary outreach!



Blessings,

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CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION STUDIES COURSE

FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

What is the Catholic Evangelization Studies Course?

Established by Bishop David Ricken, the four-part Catholic Evangelization Studies Course (CES) is a partnership between the Department of New Evangelization of the Diocese of Green Bay, Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, and Holy Resurrection Monastery to provide spiritual, theological and pastoral formation in the New Evangelization:

- Phase I: Formation in Prayer
- Phase II: Formation in Discipleship
- Phase III: Formation in Worship
- Phase IV: Formation in Mission

Participants will leave the seminars 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. The course is perfect for those who wish to deepen their own understanding of the New Evangelization and embrace of Christ's call to discipleship.

2018 Dates:

- **CES I** - July 30-August 1
- **CES II** - May 14-16
- **CES III** - May 7-9
- **CES IV** - Coming in 2019!

Please visit: www.gbdioc.org/catholic-evangelization-studies

for more information including registration information and seminar outlines.



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ROLLING OUT ALPHA:

ENGAGED PARISHIONERS | SCHOOL TEACHERS | CATECHISTS

ALPHA FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP

Thinking About On-ramps

To effectively situate Alpha in our parish mission planning, it is important to see the Alpha course as an on-ramp to the discipleship process. For this reason, it is advantageous that parishes offer it throughout the year. This way, when people visit the parish they can be immediately directed to this on-ramp.



In fact, one of Alpha's best practices is that parish

leadership consistently debrief about on-ramp possibilities. For instance, how can we, as a parish, invite visitors to Alpha at our Christmas Masses, Easter Masses, Wedding Masses, Funeral Masses or whatever parish events that tend to attract non-churchgoers? These venues often provide the parish with "low hanging fruit," that is, opportunities to disciple newcomers and seekers.

Travel Agents to Tourist Guides

Yet, Alpha can be more than an on-ramp for parish life. It is also a rehearsal for parish leaders. Indeed, the meals, videos and discussions- at any given Alpha session -gives us a little taste of what pre-evangelization, evangelization and accompaniment is. By following the Alpha recipe, we are better positioned to create and sustain relationships outside of a structured program or event after the Alpha course has concluded.

Providing a free meal during an Alpha session gives us an opportunity to take an interest in our guests, to remember their names, and to love them towards Jesus Christ. As for the discussions, they also provide an opportunity to listen to participants and help them work out whatever questions or misunderstandings they may have about God, faith and the Church. All of these opportunities help leaders and participants to do faith and life together; to bridge that gap between parish life and everyday life by engaging in spiritual and personal conversations.



In order to take advantage of "low hanging fruit", we should be mindful of any tendency to be program-reliant. A heavy or disproportionate reliance on programs on the part of leaders can be hazardous when making disciples. As we are beginning to realize, the discipleship process is not just a string of events and programs. Making disciples does include these things, but the best outcomes happen when programs are tied together by ongoing relationships; especially in the natural, unplanned, and spontaneous moments that life affords us. This is where accompaniment plays a key role.

With that said, as the Diocese of Green Bay moves towards a discipleship model, we, as leaders, are being asked to make an adjustment from being mere "travel agents" (dispensing information or resources) to "tourist guides" (accompanying others as they move through the discipleship process). Thinking ourselves as tourist guides will help us to get in the mental frame of mind to better accompany others from from discovering Jesus to following Jesus. Indeed, the gap between the first stage and second stage of discipleship is a big one. Unfortunately, many people get lost in this transition!

Bottom line: Programs are a big help in making disciples, to be sure! Nevertheless, our relationship with Jesus Christ and our relationship with others are the two most important reasons why newcomers and seekers will choose to be an intentional disciple! This will be an important consideration as we- parishes within the diocese -discuss what to do after Alpha?

Want to learn more? Here are two resources:

1. [Alpha: Lessons from Pilot Parishes](#) on:

- Promoting Alpha
- Sponsoring meals
- Sustaining Alpha throughout the year
- Venues for Alpha such as sacramental-prep

2. [Divine Renovation Podcast: Talk #17- Now What?](#)

- Vision casting
- Team building
- Communication
- Expectations

Questions? I can help! Contact me, Joe Tremblay, at:
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ALPHA FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF

This Q & A document is prepared to answer common questions about Alpha. Each school location needs to prepare a plan to incorporate Alpha into its school plans for 2018-2019. Each school/system will determine the best format and schedule for its needs. The Alpha-Day-Away is recommended as a retreat day. One suggestion is that DASA groups conduct the retreat days together for their schools.

Using a monthly meeting Alpha schedule, the retreat day should come about February. The continuation of the monthly Alpha meetings would carry you to the end of the year.

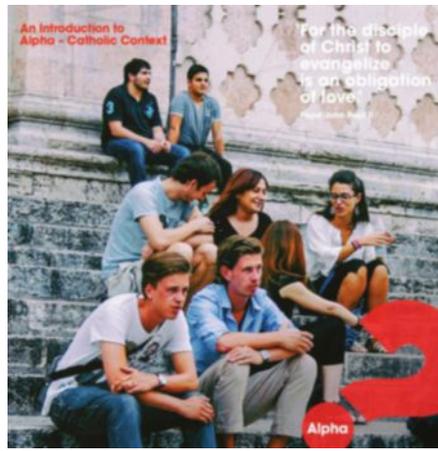
Note that the Discipleship Seminar in August and the Alpha workshops throughout 2018-2019 fulfill the contractual catechetical course for everyone for 2018-2019.

To download this Q & A document, click [here](#).

ALPHA TRAININGS CONTINUE!

ALPHA TRAININGS FOR LEADERS

What are these Alpha trainings about? Alpha small group leaders who have been chosen by the pastoral leadership or Catholic school principal are welcome to attend any one of the Alpha trainings being offered by the Diocese of Green Bay. Alpha trainings will instruct parish leaders and Catholic school personnel on how the Alpha course fits into the discipleship process. With this, participants will be introduced to Alpha principles, session structure, small group dynamics, shared prayer, promotional tips and more.



Below is an updated Alpha training schedule, three frequently asked questions regarding the Alpha trainings, the training session agenda and registration information. Please note that the admission fee is \$15.00 to cover Alpha training material and lunch.

NEW COMPANION RESOURCE TO THE ALPHA TRAININGS:

Programs, resources and tools used in any of the four steps of the discipleship process are helpful in making disciples; but only to the extent that leaders are disciplined in prayer, God's Word and a daily mindfulness of God's presence. A spiritual foundation for a fruitful roll out of the Alpha courses and the discipleship process is important.

"The LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect." (I Samuel 3:19) What was said of Samuel can be said of every parish leader. The following PowerPoint slides are designed for all who aspire to make disciples so that the Lord will not permit any of their words to be without effect: [Companion Slides to the Alpha Training](#)

ALPHA TRAINING SCHEDULE

* Recently added:

Wednesday, May 23 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Tuesday, June 12 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Tuesday, July 31 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Saturday, August 11 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Thursday, August 16 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Monday, August 20 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Tuesday, August 28 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Thursday, September 6 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM

-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

TRAINING SESSION AGENDA

TIMEFRAME

8:30-9:00AM: Arrival Time

10:30AM: Break

12:30PM: Lunch

2:15PM: Break

3:30PM: Dismal

TOPICS COVERED

Binder Material

The Why and What of Alpha

Alpha Session One: Is there more to life than this?

How Alpha Works

Alpha Builder Training Videos

Small Group Facilitation

Introducing Prayer

Alpha Roll Out- Where do we go from here?

Promotional Tips

Alpha Pilot Parishes

THE ALPHA WEBSITE PAGE

To access the Alpha page on the Diocese of Green Bay website, click [here](#). There, you will find the following links for:

- Registration for Alpha Trainings
- Alpha Training Schedule
- Alpha Schedule Training Flyer
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About the Alpha Process

LINKS TO ALPHA RESOURCES INCLUDE

- Alpha Tool Box
- Alpha in a Catholic Context
- View Alpha Videos
- Alpha USA Store
- Alpha Training Videos

If you should have questions about the roll out of Alpha, please contact me, Joe Tremblay, at (920) 272-8313 or email me at jtremblay@gbdioc.org.

**2018 Fall Adult Confirmation Classes:
Announcements forthcoming!**





Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

A sneak peek at what May Impact Brings:

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

Jesus said, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." (JN 15:9-17)

Being chosen by Christ and called to live as a disciple is not a pie-in-the-sky endeavor. We are chosen to share God's love in the way that only each of us can.

This is our mission: to bear the fruit of God's love so that others may know the good news of Christ through us. In a new pastoral letter to the Church, released last month, Pope Francis invites us to think about this deeply:

"May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfillment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens." (GE, 24)

Un poco de lo que incluye Impacto en Mayo:

HAS SIDO ESCOGIDO

Jesús dijo: "No me escogieron ustedes a mí, sino que yo los escogí a ustedes y los comisioné para que vayan y den fruto, un fruto que perdure" (Jn 15: 9-17).

Ser elegido por Cristo y llamado a vivir como un discípulo no es un esfuerzo poco realista. Somos elegidos para compartir el amor de Dios de la manera en que sólo nosotros podemos hacerlo.

Esta es nuestra misión: llevar el fruto del amor de Dios para que otros puedan conocer la buena nueva de Cristo a través nuestro. En una nueva Exhortación Apostólica a la Iglesia, publicada el mes pasado, el Papa Francisco nos invita a pensar profundamente sobre esto:

"Ojalá puedas reconocer cuál es esa palabra, ese mensaje de Jesús que Dios quiere decir al mundo con tu vida. Déjate transformar, déjate renovar por el Espíritu, para que eso sea posible, y así tu preciosa misión no se malogrará. El Señor la cumplirá también en medio de tus errores y malos momentos, con tal que no abandones el

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:** Impact201718
- Impacto - Spanish: [Click here.](#) **PASSWORD:** Impacto201718
- General Information: [Click here.](#)

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[May 2018 Impact](#)

[Impacto Para Mayo 2018](#)



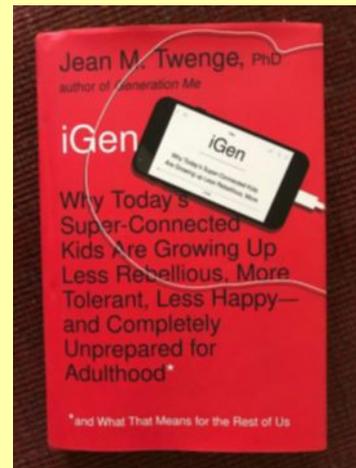
Portrait of iGen

Jean M Twenge's most recent book, *iGen: Why Today's Super Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy - and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood* (Atria Books, 2017), captures the essence of the generation emerging just after the Millennials with the simple "I" title. Twenge claims to be the first to call the generation of youth born between 1995-2012 "iGen". She explains why "I" is relevant to this cohort that has never known a world without the internet. Not only does the "I" stand for Internet, it represents nine other generational trends that Twenge unpacks in the book: "In No Hurry (to grow up)," "In person no more," "Insecure," "Irreligious," "Insulated but not intrinsic," "Income insecurity," "Indefinite (putting off adult milestones indefinitely)," "Inclusive," and "Independent (politically)."

As a Catholic Campus Minister on a State campus I was most interested in learning about iGen's spirituality and religious practices. I was surprised to read that Twenge's data showed more iGen'ers are being raised in nonreligious households and more are personally choosing not to belong to a religion. Fewer believe in an afterlife, fewer pray, fewer attend religious services, and fewer believe in God. Given these trends, not only is iGen less publicly religious, it is now also less privately religious. An iGen spirituality, then, is concerned with happiness, with feeling good and being a good person.

As disheartening as this trend away from religion is, I also feel energized as a person of faith and a campus minister to invite these young people into a relationship with Jesus. As Campus Minister, I can create experiences of love, inclusion and community that will leave them open to a relationship with a loving God and hungry for more. Twenge claims that those of us ministering to iGen need to focus on making their efforts more actively engaging and that they need to have more discussions that address the big questions about life, love, God and meaning. Now more than ever it is critical that young people see that another way of life is possible, one that models agapic love, simplicity, joy, community, faith, service and justice.

How is this done @ UWGB: celebrating the Sacraments, social media, bible studies, community building events, small group discussions, Alpha, service opportunities, immersion experiences and meeting one on one are few ways we build faith filled experiences of our students.



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Summer is Here!



Dear friends,

The end of the school year is upon us. It has been a good year. We have ten students graduating who are attached to the ministry. Five of our students are being confirmed by Bishop Ricken at Pentecost. Our Sunday Mass numbers ended stronger than when they began. We have had an excellent year fundraising. Thank you. It is your prayers that allow this to happen.

The summer is not time off for the ministry. A couple of the small group Bible studies will continue. The Newman Center will still be having Mass. Leaders of the student organization are organizing fun fellowship times throughout the summer for those who are around. We will be assisting at LiFest.

Please keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely though Jesus,

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult News

I usually stop for coffee on my way into work every morning. You get to know the baristas a bit and the conversations you have over time get to be a little more personal or fun. Recently when I stopped, I had some party supplies on my front seat - and the barista, Michael asked what they were for. I said the Catholic Charities Gala coming up. He looked at me a bit and told me that he used to be Catholic. He then asked me about a customer who came in - he said, "I thought he was a Ku Klux Klan member - but he was way too nice for that. So then I thought he might be Catholic - like a priest or something." I figured out it was a Norbertine priest and we had a nice chat about that. I left to go and he said, "Next time we can talk about being Catholic more - right? "

I was pretty excited about that. I walked back from that day to think about the many conversations he and I have had over the past couple of years. Weather, coffee, holidays, family - and how much we had already invested in our five minute conversations. We really are ready to talk about faith.

I feel these days like time is of the essence - that I want to share my love of my faith with others - and look for opportunities to do that - mostly by my actions and when invited - by my words. People are just hungry - searching for connection. We have so much to offer - but it has to first be through friendship and relationship. This also means we have to get outside ourselves a bit and look for our mission field. Who has God put in front of you to serve and love and reach with the Good News? If you don't know, put that in your prayer and soon you will have a wide circle of people to reach!

A challenge for you - this summer - plan on coming to a few young adult events and bring along someone new. That is really how we grow community, share faith and make sure we don't become a clique or club. - something exclusive. We have work to do friends - people need to hear the gospel message by your life, your kindness, your friendship and your generosity! Be bold and brave!

A big thank you to all who attended the Millennial Church Conference April 30th!



Some ways to grow in faith, have fun and meet new people:

June 3 - Manitowoc City-Wide Scavenger Hunt! Gather up a team that fits into a car, keep'er movin', and get a picture of yourselves in front of the famous Manitowoc beer bottles, walk yourselves down to Beernsteins, get a selfie with Bernice, and more in this day-long competition. Enjoy snacks and drinks at a local pub while the scores are tallied and the fabulous prizes are given out. Registration is required. See Facebook for details.

August 2 - 10th Annual Spirituality and Sushi - for sushi lovers and haters. There is something amazing for everyone! Look for details on that later. Just set the date aside!

August 17 - Sushi 101 Manitowoc WI Celebrate St. Joseph's feast day with some wine and sushi! A lively, entertaining chef will teach the art of sushi making. Each guest will receive a sushi rolling mat and the necessary ingredients to participate in this culinary experience. No one will leave hungry! A registration fee will be charged. Check the Lakeshore Facebook page for details!

August 25 - Golf Scramble/Mini-Golf Outing Manitowoc WI Amateurs are invited to a morning on the mini-golf course, while the pros enjoy a golf scramble at Big Kid golf course(you don't really have to be a pro) we'll all gather together at the club afterward for refreshments!

June 6, 13, 20, 27 Young Adult Women's Ignite Bible Study6-7:30 pm at St. John's Parish Antigo. Babysitting provided! Take time for yourself to share some great conversation, treats and break open the Word with friends.

Regional Young Adult Ministry

We have some really great things happening around the Diocese for Young Adults! If you want to find something to do on any given week - take a look at our regional young adult ministry on social media or email your Regional Coordinator.

- **Titletown Catholic** - Sarah Bradford, sbrandford@gbdioc.org (find on facebook)
- **Oshkosh Catholic** - Kayla Gruse , kayla.gruse@raphael.org (find on facebook)
- **Fox Valley Young Adults** - Emily, Jenks, Emily.jenks@gmail.com (find on facebook)
- **DC Disciples** Nick Dolezal ,(Door County) dolezal05@hotmail.com (find on facebook)
- **ACE** Tracey Minish,(Antigo area young adults) antigoff@gmail.com
- **Lakeshore Catholic Young Adults**, Rachel Cohen, gretrm02@gmail.com (find on facebook)
- **Hispanic Young Adult Outreach** Jaime Pineda, jimmyssalon@gmail.com
- **Shawano Young Adults**, Todd Raether, traether@sacredheartshawano.org

Do you have an idea for young adult ministry? Would you like to grow in your leadership and be a part of planning, dreaming and designing young adult ministry? Get in touch with our regional coordinator and set up a coffee date to meet and chat!

Some things you can do that aren't formal, but might be the seeds of starting young adult ministry:

1. Ask a new friend out for coffee and get to know them.
2. Find a few people to go do something together - a movie, dinner, board games, a service project ...just an informal gathering, but include conversation on what they might like to do to make a place for young adults.
3. See what things are happening at parishes near you- even if they aren't young adult specific - they might be things young adults would like to do in a group. (parish picnic, farmers market, spring clean up ...)

If you need a few ideas - just call or email jane at jangha@gbdioc.org 920-272-8304

You can do this! If you need ideas, support or help, just contact a regional coordinator near you or call Jane at 920-272-8304

Blessings,



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The newly restored St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay will host our liturgical celebrations throughout the jubilee year of the Diocese of Green Bay.

Due to limited seating, complimentary tickets are required and available at www.gbdioc.org/jubilee2018.

Each liturgy will be followed by a special reception and gift for all participants.

- **May 20, 2018 at Noon** - Pentecost Jubilee Mass Confirmation Celebration
- **June 17, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for Parish Staff, Volunteers, & Ministers
- **July 29, 2018 at 11 AM** - Jubilee Mass for Young Adults & Young Adult Ministers
- **August 5, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for Couples Celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Marriage & their Families
- **September 16, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for Catechists & RCIA Leaders
- **October 7, 2018 at 11 AM** - Jubilee Mass for Catholic Educators (Public, Parochial, & Homeschool)
- **November 18, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for the Homeless
- **December 9, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee for Religious Women & Men (Vespers)

For more information visit: <http://www.gbdioc.org/jubilee2018>



Do you have an event at your parish or organization that you would like to promote?

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