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Through the Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA), the People of God in the Diocese of St. Petersburg support over 50 ministries, programs and services to thousands across our 5 county area.

Our appeal is truly an opportunity for each and every Catholic household to help further the mission of the Church, to become a part of the everyday miracles we experience through sharing our gifts as good stewards. ***Let's take a closer look at some of the good works underway in the...***

EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY

Our Evangelization Ministry is an office within the Department of Evangelization and Lifelong Faith Formation, which seeks to support local parish efforts to evangelize the people of God and nourish the formation of the Church through all ages and phases of life. In our work within all parishes of the Diocese, we:

- strive to **encounter** Jesus in our lives through Word and Sacrament and foster this encounter in the lives of children, youth and adults
- work to **lead** people to transformation in Christ and an integration of their Roman Catholic faith with their life experiences
- **serve** those who live and minister with and for people of faith in our local and diocesan communities.

The functions of the Evangelization Ministry office include:

- *Parish level evangelization* through events such as retreats, days of reflection, and information sessions for active parishioners, inactive and returning Catholics as well as the unchurched to encounter Jesus Christ. In providing these types of opportunities, we foster the power to acknowledge our baptismal call to discipleship through word and action for all people of God.
- Guidance and development for structure and formation of *small Christian communities* and other faith sharing opportunities in parishes through shepherding, facilitating parish networking, resource connection, promotion of formation for parish leadership and ongoing training.
- Facilitation of *Strong Catholic Families Strong Catholic Youth*, a cyclical parish change process that engages parents in reflecting, assessing and actively sharing with parish leaders the specific support and formation they need to fully incorporate our faith into all aspects of family life and interactions.
- Creation and development of the Strong Catholic Family Faith website, Facebook page and Pinterest site to support parish and school leaders in partnering with parents to bring home the faith.
- Resource and support for ongoing parish *faith formation of adults* in the various thresholds of faith.



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