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Evangelization Assessment Tool

Department of Evangelization, Formation, Youth and Family Life

Go and Make Disciples lists three goals for Catholic evangelization. In the document, the U.S. Bishops pledge themselves to accomplish these goals and go on to name objectives and possible strategies. Here is an assessment tool for your parish to use to evaluate how well your parish is addressing these objectives for evangelization.

On a scale of 1-3, rate each objective
1 --- being accomplished quite well
2 --- being accomplished somewhat
3 --- not being accomplished at all

Goal I: To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.		
1.	To foster opportunities for <i>personal</i> experience of conversion (parish missions and renewals; occasions for personal prayer; retreats; preaching that evangelizes)	
2.	To foster opportunities for <i>parish</i> experiences of conversion (parish-wide implementation of the RCIA; wider invitation for Catholics to serve as sponsors; parish involvement in ministries of reconciliation; proclamation of God's Word with appropriate dignity; parish-led times of recollection)	
3.	To foster opportunities to reflect on God's Word (Scripture study; Bible sharing groups; Small Christian Communities; individual Bible reading)	
4.	To make the evangelizing dimension of the Sunday Eucharist more explicit (greeting and welcoming people; fostering a sense of community among parish members; reaching out to visitors and newcomers at Sunday Mass; making worship accessible to everyone; developing ways to incorporate new and mobile parishioners through ritual and public acknowledgment)	
5.	To foster an appreciation of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and all the sacraments, the sacred signs of our Catholic life (Spirit-filled liturgical celebrations and sacramental prep. programs; Eucharistic adoration; liturgy preparation teams)	
6.	To foster a greater appreciation of the power of God's Word in our worship (ongoing homiletic training for clergy; prayerful preparation of the Sunday homily; preparation of readers)	
7.	To foster an even deeper sense of prayer among our Catholic people (daily schedule of prayer; wider utilization of the Liturgy of the Hours and other common prayers among Catholics; prayer groups; retreat experiences; prayer workshops; devotional reading; Small Christian Communities)	
8.	To foster a renewed understanding of the faith among Catholics (faith formation for children, teens and adults; whole community catechesis; Generations of Faith; family and home-based faith formation; faith formation teams and evangelization planning teams working hand-in-hand)	
9.	To foster a sense of discipleship among Catholic adults and children (at home; at work; in the community; develop parish and school faith formation to include the themes of discipleship and evangelization; discipleship training; prayer events; stewardship of time)	

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10.	To foster active and personal religious experience through participation in small group and other communal experiences in which the Good News is shared, experienced and applied to daily life (prayer groups; groups of prayer, spiritual growth and service; Small Christian Communities; retreat experiences)	
11.	To foster a sense of the domestic church within households in which families, individuals and groups reside (daily family prayer in the home; family faith sharing; liturgical home-based rituals; family small groups; family faith practices)	
12.	To promote and develop a spirituality for the workplace (encourage reflection on the transforming presence of God in the workplace; acknowledge workers as agents of God's presence in the workplace; encourage the formation of Catholic and other Christian groups and organizations that foster values in the workplace)	
13.	To foster greater appreciation of cultural and ethnic spirituality (celebrate the spiritual diversity of the different cultures that make up the Church in the US; acknowledge and respect various forms of personal piety; celebrate cultural traditions; encourage a variety of musical and cultural expressions)	

Goal II: To invite all people in the United States, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith.		
1.	To make every Catholic institution, especially our parishes, more welcoming (review parish's hospitality procedures; use parish faith formation classes and Catholic schools to evangelize the whole family; greeting and welcoming workshops; evangelization training for ushers, receptionists, maintenance personnel and all staff members; analyze accessibility of parish facilities, ministries and offices)	
2.	To help every Catholic feel comfortable about sharing his or her faith and inviting people to discover Christ in our Catholic family of believers (Small Christian Communities; training in discernment of religious experience; development of listening skills; encouragement of converts to share their stories of faith)	
3.	To develop within families and households the capacity to share the Gospel (family faith sharing materials; family small groups; take-home kits for families; training families to share the Gospel; fostering regular family prayer and share time)	
4.	To equip and empower our active Catholic members to exercise their baptismal call to evangelize (implement the <i>Disciples in Mission</i> process; renewal days; witness training; faith sharing training; <i>I am e3</i> events; training for one-to-one evangelization; use of sacramental prep to expand understandings of discipleship; modeling and witness from those in RCIA; evangelization components in faith formation materials; parish missions; preparing teams for specialized evangelization ministries)	
5.	To use special times in parish and family life to invite people to faith (<i>Invite; Reach Out in Prayer</i> ; parish missions and retreats; sharing from baptismal families; ministry for children, youth, young adults, middle adults and older adults; campus ministry; prison ministry; jubilee celebrations; parish outreach and service events)	
6.	To cultivate an active core of the baptized to serve as ministers of evangelization in their parishes, dioceses, neighborhoods, workplaces, and homes (implement <i>Disciples in Mission</i> ; form parish evangelization teams; form parish pastoral council; form parish staff and clergy; form finance council; provide evangelization workshops)	
7.	To effectively invite people to our church (mailings; home visits; invitations to those moving to the area; invite through parish carnivals/events; parish missions; <i>Invite</i> ; neighborhood publicity through newspaper and poster; websites; open houses)	
8.	To design programs of outreach for those who have ceased being active in the Church	

	(develop programs to help people experience reconciliation; communal penance services; programs for the divorced, separated, widowed and those who feel alienated from the Church; parish missions)	
9.	To design programs that reach out in particular ways to those who do not participate in a church community or who seek the fullness of faith (<i>Invite</i> ; RCIA; <i>Alpha</i> ; <i>Reach Out in Prayer</i> ; form new innovative methods of inquiry; special programs of hospitality and welcome; personal visits; mailings; Catholic presence in the community—boards, ads, parades, city events, etc.)	
10.	To foster cultural diversity within the unity of the Church (ensure that newcomers to our country and community have a place in the Church; training of clergy and ministers in foreign languages; programs to advance greater understanding of cultural diversity; sister-parish relationship; efforts to help newcomers to our land to develop their own social and church structures; joint celebrations of the many cultures represented in our parishes, to reflect the Catholic scope of our lives)	
11.	To deepen ecumenical involvement (collaborate with local and state ecumenical agencies; joint study of Roman Catholic and other Christian dialogues on evangelization, mission, and proselytism; mutual dialogue and sharing; joint scriptural study and social justice projects; shared discussion groups and socials; joint services of prayer; FAST)	

Goal III: To foster gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

1.	To involve parishes and local service groups in the needs of their outreach (raising the awareness of Catholic of the needs of the poor and marginalized; organizing the service of every Catholic in works of justice, peace, and love; engagement in ecumenical agencies committed to the common good)	
2.	To foster the importance of the family (marriage preparation and support for the newly married; family retreats and other religious experiences; spiritual, social, personal and financial counseling for families; Small Christian Communities for couples; family Small Christian Communities; influencing social policy to strengthen family life; Effective Fathers Seminars)	
3.	To develop groups to explore issues of the workplace and lay spirituality (workshops on evangelization in the workplace; support groups for professionals; retreats on the value of work and the ethical/justice issues associated with employment; renewal days organized by and for lay people)	
4.	To encourage Catholic witness in the arts and in the American intellectual community (development of the arts as a way to proclaim the Gospel; formation of faith support for artists; promotion of gospel values in Catholic institutions of higher learning; support of campus ministries in their Christian witness to institutions of higher learning)	
5.	To involve every Catholic, on different levels, in areas of public policy (faith formation programs with a social justice emphasis; study and education about political choices that Catholics make; voter registration drives; support groups for professional Catholics and other Christians, particularly in areas of law, economics, and social services; encouraging lay people to run for and hold public office; Catholic Days at the Capitol)	
6.	To involve the Catholic Church, on every level, in the media (develop media plans for evangelization on the parish level; use the media to communicate the Catholic faith to others; reflect on Catholics' use of the media in their homes, workplaces and education settings; form task forces of Catholics and other Christians involved in communications to discuss questions of values in the media and the impact Christian people can have on them; the involvement of bishops and other religious leaders as public spokespersons of the Church through local print and broadcast media; cultivation of technology for	

	communicating the Gospel and Christian values)	
7.	To involve Catholics, at every level, in questions of economic systems (use professional resources to raise questions about economic systems and their consequences concerning the dominant issues of justice, particularly homelessness, social inequities, educational opportunities, housing and employment and racial equality; forming ministries to deal with unjust economic systems and practices)	

Identify 1-3 priorities /objectives from the results of your assessment above that you will work on:

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Adapted from *Planning Worksheets for Goals I, II and III of Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States* by Sr. Susan Wolf, SND, (PNCEA, 1993); *Evangelization: A Parish Planning Workbook* by Frank DeSiano, C.S. P, (NPLC, 1998); *Text and Study Guide Implementation Process for Go and Make Disciples*, by Susan W. Blum, Ed. D (NCCE, 1993); *A Board Time to Recollect* (USCCB Secretariat for Evangelization, 2004).