

Research Questions for Missionary Disciple Parish Goal
Equip Parishioners as Missionary Disciples who are Inspired to Invite and Accompany by Pentecost 2020

(This document has the same list of questions that are found on pages 14-15 of your Parish Leadership Team Training manual. However, it also includes guidance for assessing what needs to be done at your parish to achieve your goal.)

▪ **Do we need to “establish” or “enhance” our parish Evangelization Program so that we are able to equip parishioners as Missionary Disciples?**

Before answering this question, it is suggested that you conduct research to consider the Vision, Plan and Strategies for Catholic Evangelization presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in their document, “[Go and Make Disciples](#).” Also, complete this [Evangelization Assessment Tool](#) based on the foundational principles of “Go and Make Disciples” (You can also visit www.dosp.org/missionary-disciple-resources for direct links to download resources.)

▪ **What are some best practices in Evangelization/Forming Missionary Disciples at the Parish Level?**

Begin your research by navigating the websites of Church and Ministry Organizations that are known for their expertise, resources and best practices, such as the ones listed here. (You can also visit www.dosp.org/missionary-disciple-resources for direct links to all of these resources).

- a. [USCCB Office of Evangelization & Catechesis](#)
- b. [USCCB Overview of the New Evangelization](#)
- c. [Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Evangelization in the United States](#)
- d. [The Fifth Encuentro Process](#) (Evangelization Based Initiative for Hispanic Adults and Youth)
[Diocese of St. Petersburg Fifth Encuentro Report](#)
- e. [Paulist Evangelization Ministries](#) and [Resources](#) (Provides Resources & Best Practices)
- f. [ChristLife Catholic Ministry for Evangelization](#) (Provides Programs, Training & Consultation)
- g. [Be My Witnesses](#) (Provides Programs & Training)

▪ **What are the obstacles for our parish in this area?**

Consider a variety of factors such as these:

- a. Resources: Human and Material
- b. Leadership
- c. “Past History” of Evangelization Ministry/Initiatives at the Parish
- d. Formation of the parish community regarding the need for a comprehensive plan for developing Missionary Disciples
- e. Other: _____

▪ **What are some of the advantages of our parish in this area?**

Consider a variety of factors such as these:

- a. Facilities: Parish Campus, Neighboring/Collaborating Parishes, Catholic Schools, Retreat Centers, Civic facilities, etc.
- b. Support: Financial, Civic Events/Partnerships
- c. Other: _____

▪ **What do we really want to see happening? (Dream big!)**

▪ **How much are we willing to let go of current methods, patterns or leadership in order to reap a better harvest?**

▪ **Who and what do we need to help us?**

Consider a variety of resources such as these:

- a. Resources or services from the Evangelization Ministries/Organizations or USCCB that we previously researched
- b. Diocesan Evangelization Ministry Staff Members
- c. Neighboring Parish Leaders
- d. Best Practice Models in our Diocese as recommended by the Diocesan Office
- e. Key Parish Staff Members
- f. Other Stakeholders: Parishioners, active and inactive
- g. Other: _____

▪ **What training is available to us?**

Consider a variety of resources such as these:

- a. The Diocesan Office of Evangelization, Formation, Youth & Family Life
- b. Current Program Material Publishers (i.e. Paulist Evangelization Ministries, ChristLife, Be My Witnesses)
- c. Other: _____

▪ **How can we effectively communicate the goal and its potential to the entire parish?**

Visit www.dosp.org/missionary-disciple-resources for simple steps for effective communication.

▪ **What will motivate us to keep working on this goal and how do we tap into that motivation?**

▪ **Other questions...**

For direct links to all the resources mentioned in this document, visit

www.dosp.org/missionary-disciple-resources or www.dosp.org/communication-resources.



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