



Real Presence Real Future



Evangelization Plans

General Background

- Fall of 2019: 6 priorities for evangelization in the diocese identified
- Winter of 2019: The Committee for the New Evangelization.
- Summer of 2020 Subcommittees formed for each of priorities and work begins on developing strategic plans.
- May 2021: Plans completed and submitted to Bishop. He approves the plans in early June.



Six priorities

1. Parish as a place of formation for missionary disciples
2. The ongoing formation of schools' staff and faculty as missionary disciples
3. The missionary and pastoral care of all the higher educational centers in the diocese
4. Social and digital media for evangelization
5. The support and utilization of lay missionaries and apostolates
6. The development of a soft-entry evangelization ministry and center for outreach to seculars and "nones."



Parish Subcommittee

Members:

Jacci Ashbury, Liz Christy, Sister Karla Archundia, Tina Burtch, Fr. Sean Dooley, Deacon Victor Nduguba, Drew Snyder, Fr. Jonathan Wilson, and Cora Munoz.

Goal:

To form all the baptized to be “missionary disciples” equipped to evangelize those in their families and sphere of influences.



Missionary Disciples

Joy of the Gospel 120:

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples”.

So what are we waiting for?



THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.

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The Parish Plan

- Support and equip priests for the work of forming parishes as places of missionary disciple formation.
- Support and equip pastors and their staffs and parish leaders of forming parishes as places of missionary disciple formation.
 - Options and support for parish leadership training models
- Support parishes in developing their own strategies to address the six elements of missionary disciple formation.
 - Taking a strategic approach to parish formation
 - Options and support for training in models for each of six elements



6 Elements of Missionary Disciple Formation

1. Kerygmatic Encounter: An opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, receive the call to conversion and discipleship, and to respond
2. Ongoing spiritual formation in how to pray and sacramental centered living
3. Missional Training in how to share the Faith more effectively
4. Small group community (including new models Youth, Men's, Women's and Family Ministries)
5. Ongoing Catechesis (including new models for Parish Youth Catechesis and RCIA)
6. Ongoing Scripture study



Schools Staff and Faculty Missionary Disciple Formation

Members:

- Adam Dufault, Fr. Dan Dury, Laura Corcoran, Dan DeMatte, Dan Garrick, Sr. John Paul Maher OP, and Therese Recinella

Goal:

- Support and form our Catholic Schools' staff to be Missionary Disciples
 - Annual Kerygmatic Encounter retreat
 - Formation in prayer and days of reflection
 - Small group community



University Evangelization

Members:

Maria Tarbell, Andrew Kebe, Fr. William Hahn, Mary Jeffries, Dan Kurth, and Patrick Welsh.

Goal:

Provide pastoral care and missionary outreach to the higher educational centers in the Diocese to support young adults in these crucial years in becoming missionary disciples and discerning their vocations.

25 Higher Educational Centers in the Diocese. Three Categories:

- OSU
- Mid-Size
- Branch, Commuter, and Small



University Evangelization

- Expansion of FOCUS and SPO at OSU and Columbus metro
- Catholic Student Housing
- Expansion of FOCUS to ONU and Shawnee
- Regional Campus Missionaries
- Student Leadership Formation



Social and Digital Media Evangelization

Members:

Dave Orsborn, Paul Baum, Alex Mieras, Andrew Mackey, Brendan O'Rourke, Aaron Christy, Fr. Michael Hartge, and Bill Messerly

Goal:

- Create media content that engages, evangelizes, attracts, and forms missionary disciples
 - Diocesan Rebranding
 - Content strategy through Tilma
 - Creation of a Media Team and Studio



Lay Missionaries and Apostolates

Members:

Megan Baum, Catherine Suprenant, Maggie Mauer, Aaron Richards, Brad Pierron, and John Stevenson

Goal:

- Support parishes and schools by developing partnerships with lay missionaries and apostolates
 - Recruit lay apostolates to work in our parishes and schools and assist pastors and principals open to working with lay missionaries.
 - Develop a responsible means by which to recognize new and emerging lay apostolates in the diocese
 - Promote the lay missionary lifestyle in the diocese and support those living this life.



Soft Entry Evangelization

Members:

Kate Giddens, Loren Brown, Fr. David Sizemore, Kevin Oles, Joseph Zaino, Mitchell Wilson, Adora Namigadde, David Messina, and Matt Schlater

Goal:

To develop a ministry and physical space attractive to those who are not likely to encounter Christ and the Church in the parish or institutional setting.

