

Diocesan Evangelization Pastoral Plan Overview

STAGE I Personal Encounter

- Introduce “active” parishioners to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through a call to continual conversion
- Equip people with skills to “tell their story” of personal encounters
- Assess parish existing evangelization efforts and areas of opportunity
- Build an evangelization team to further efforts in the parish

STAGE II Focusing the Domestic Church

- Integrate new diocesan marriage preparation instructions
- Strengthen existing marriages
- Address ways to alleviate alienation of divorce/single-parent families
- Interweave outcomes of Synod on the Family
- Propose methods to evangelize fallen away family members
- Finalize parish evangelization plan

STAGE III Equipping the Parish

- Implement strategies for “welcoming back” fallen away Catholics
- Introduce programs that encourage personal contact with parishioners
- Harness the natural moments of evangelization that take place in the midst of parish life (i.e. baptisms, marriages, funerals)
- Ensure the multi-cultural nature of the parish fully reflects the demographics of the parish boundaries

STAGE IV Missioning Disciples - Locally

- Coordinate door-to-door evangelization efforts to reach Catholics who have never been members of the community
- Expand ecumenical dialogue so as to encourage education about the Catholic faith to other local faith traditions

STAGE V Missioning Disciples - Globally

- Coordinate regionally and through LPAs to broaden the reach of the church to local and regional communities
- Begin work to expand the reach of parish communities across the diocese to other dioceses and other countries