

Evangelization Assessment Tool

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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 – the essential mission of the Church.

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> experiences of conversion (SCCs; parish missions & renewals; occasions for personal prayer; retreats; media; RCIA; homilies; sacraments)	
2.	To foster opportunities for <i>parish</i> experiences of conversion (implement the RCIA with the entire parish; invite more Catholics to serve as sponsors; parish involvement in ministries of reconciliation; proclamation of God’s Word with appropriate dignity; parish-led times of recollection; parish retreats; parish work day, Small Christian Comm.)	
3.	To foster opportunities to reflect on God’s Word (Scripture study; faith sharing; Small Christian Communities; individual Bible reading; lectio divina; homilies with reflection)	
4.	To make the evangelizing dimension of the Sunday Eucharist more explicit (greet and welcome people; foster a sense of community among parish members; reach out to visitors and newcomers at Sunday Mass; make worship accessible to everyone; incorporate new parishioners through ritual and public acknowledgment; prepare/train liturgical ministers; call to prayer through lit. actions; focus on being “sent” to mission)	
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 preparation; 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; honor for the liturgical books that contain the Scriptures)	
7.	To foster an even deeper sense of prayer among our Catholic people (daily prayer; wider use of the Liturgy of the Hours and other common prayers among Catholics; prayer groups and workshops; retreats; contemplative and meditative prayer; devotional reading; prayer and faith sharing at all parish meetings; Small Christian Communities)	
8.	To foster a renewed understanding of the faith among Catholics (use of modern technology; life-long and intergenerational faith formation; event-centered learning; family and home-based faith formation; faith formation teams, stewardship teams and evangelization planning teams working hand-in-hand; Small Christian Communities)	
9.	To foster a sense of discipleship among Catholic adults and children (at home, at work, and in the community; develop parish and school faith formation to include the themes/elements/stages of evangelization; discipleship training; prayer events; witness talks; stewardship of time, talent, treasure: <i>Sharing Christ, Disciples in Mission, SCCs</i>)	
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 (SCCs; prayer groups and group prayer; retreat experiences; peace and justice groups; small group discussions; mentoring groups)	

11.	To foster a sense of the domestic church within households in which families, individuals and groups reside (encourage daily family prayer, family faith sharing, liturgical home-based rituals and faith practices; household small groups and Christian Communities; form parents, families and households to develop home-based spirituality)	
12.	To promote and develop a spirituality for the workplace (reflect 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/Christian groups and organizations that foster values in the workplace; provide helpful evangelization materials)	
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 (create ways to meet parishioners and visitors; review parish's/school's/organization's hospitality procedures and provide training; evangelize through faith formation and sacramental prep.; evangelization training for ushers, receptionists, maintenance personnel and all parish and school staff members; analyze accessibility of 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 (SCCs; train to discern religious experiences; develop listening and faith-sharing skills; encourage witness talks by parishioners; <i>Sharing Christ</i> ; <i>Invite</i> ; <i>I am e3</i> ; RCIA process; parish open house)	
3.	To develop within families and households the capacity to share the Gospel (family faith sharing materials; family small groups; take-home kits; train families to share the Gospel and life experiences; foster regular family/household 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; train for one-to-one evangelization; use sacramental preparation to expand understanding of discipleship; modeling and witness from those on RCIA team; faith formation materials; parish missions; prepare teams for specialized evangelization ministries; <i>Sharing Christ: From Maintenance to Mission</i>)	
5.	To use special times in parish and family life to invite people to faith (<i>Invite</i> ; <i>Reach Out in Prayer</i> ; parish missions and retreats; preparation and celebration of sacraments; liturgical seasons; funerals/bereavement ministry; ministry with divorced and singles; ministry with children, youth, young, middle and older adults; campus ministry; prison ministry; jubilee celebrations; parish outreach and service events; feast days)	
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, parish pastoral council, parish staff, clergy and finance council in evangelization; provide evangelization workshops, <i>Sharing Christ</i>)	
7.	To effectively invite people to our church (personal invitation; USPS and email; home visits; new movers mailing list; parish carnivals/events; parish missions; <i>Invite</i> ; social networks; neighborhood publicity through newspaper and poster; websites; open house)	
8.	To design programs/processes of outreach for those who have ceased being active in the Church (reconciliation processes/programs; communal penance services; ministry with the divorced, separated, widowed and those who feel alienated from the Church; websites; parish missions, invites; <i>Awakening Faith</i> ; <i>Catholics Reaching Out</i> ; <i>Reach Out in Prayer</i>)	

9.	To design programs/processes 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> ; create new innovative methods of inquiry; programs of hospitality and welcome; personal visits; USPS and electronic mailing; Catholic presence in the community—billboards, 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; train clergy and ministers in foreign languages; advance greater understanding of cultural diversity; develop sister-parish relationships; help newcomers to our country to develop their own social and church structures; design 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 & state ecumenical agencies; joint study of Roman Catholic and other Christian dialogues on evangelization, mission, and proselytism; mutual dialogue and sharing; joint scripture study and social justice efforts; shared discussion groups and socials; joint services of prayer; FAST; HOPE)	

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 neighborhood (raise awareness of Catholics of the needs of the poor and marginalized; make works of justice, peace, and love priorities in our parishes and agencies and intentionally plan for it; engage in ecumenical agencies committed to the common good; FAST; HOPE)	
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 and families; influence social policy to strengthen family life; Effective Fathers Seminars; MOMS)	
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; witness talks by lay members; SCCs)	
4.	To encourage Catholic witness in the arts and in the American intellectual community (proclaim the Gospel through development of the arts; form faith support groups for artists; promote gospel values in Catholic institutions of higher learning; support campus ministries in their Christian witness to institutions of higher learning)	
5.	To involve every Catholic, on different levels, in areas of public policy (FAST; HOPE; faith formation for social justice; vote; study/educate about political choices that Catholics make; <i>Faithful Citizenship</i> ; voter registration; support groups for professional Catholics & other Christians, particularly in areas of law, economics, and social services; encourage 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 local and parish level; use the media to communicate the Catholic faith to others; reflect on Catholics' use of the media in their homes, workplaces and educational settings; form task forces of Catholics and other Christians involved in communications to discuss questions of values in the media and the impact Christians can have on them; involve the bishop and other religious leaders as public spokespersons of the Church through local print and broadcast media; cultivate 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; form ministries to deal with unjust economic systems and practices; FAST; HOPE)	
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Based on ratings, identify 1-3 priorities /objectives that you will work on:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Identify strategies for each priority named:

1.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - etc.
2.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - etc.
3.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - etc.

Identify how and when strategies will be implemented and who will be responsible!

Assess efforts after implementation...