

BEST PRACTICES IN PARISH EVANGELIZATION

FOSTERING MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP & PARISH VITALITY

These best practices are areas of focus which can help your parish grow and thrive!



LEADERSHIP

*"Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ."
Ephesians 4:15*

Share a Vision and Plan for Growth

- + Forming a Cohesive Leadership Team
- + Assessing Current Realities
- + Visioning & Pastoral Planning
- + Training Leaders for Evangelization
- + Building Intercultural Competency in Ministry
- + Incorporating Prayer and Discernment



ENCOUNTER

*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
Mark 9:7*

Increase Opportunities to Encounter Jesus Christ

- + Focusing on Beauty & the Sunday Liturgy
- + Creating an Environment of Hospitality
- + Giving Personal, Kerygmatic Witness
- + Increasing Access to Prayer & Sacraments
- + Fostering Popular Piety & Healing Ministry
- + Expanding Parish Communications



ACCOMPANY & COMMUNITY

*"Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"
Luke 24:32*

Accompany People through Christian Community

- + Mentoring
- + Supporting Families
- + Making a Personal Invitation
- + Engaging Visitors & New Parishoners
- + Prioritizing Adult Faith Formation
- + Hosting Parish Retreats
- + Using Feast Days and Holidays to Evangelize
- + Forming Small Groups



MISSION

*"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:4*

Help More People be Missionary Disciples

- + Discerning Parishoner Gifts & Strengths
- + Training in Personal Evangelization
- + Focusing on Service & Justice
- + Training for Door to Door/ Street Evangelization
- + Organizing Mission Trips

