

# Marks of an Evangelizing Parish

## Prayer

Does your parish have a radical commitment to divine intimacy outside of Mass?

- Sacramental life at the center of the community
- Personal prayer and holiness is lived and taught
- Begs the Lord for renewal
- Community actively intercedes for the lost / inactive

## Leadership

Does your parish have leaders who understand and embody evangelization & discipleship?

- Pastor articulates and models the vision
- Staff & key ministry leaders can articulate and model the vision
- Ministry leaders understand the path of discipleship and where their programs fit.
- Leaders are comfortable challenging the way things have always been done.

## Programming

Does your parish have a clear and stated pathway of discipleship?

- Invitation to encounter and conversion
- Programs focused on building relationships
  - Small group programs
  - Large group events help foster connection to individual relationships
- Programs have clear audiences
  - Inactive Catholics, Non-catholics, deeper conversion for practicing Catholics
- What is the pathway for those who say yes to our invitation?
- Stop doing things distracts from your mission to evangelize

## Accountability

Do you have a culture that encourages honest feedback and accountability to results?

- How are you measuring success?
- Do missionary disciples have opportunities to challenge and encourage each other?
- Key Markers - Leading indicators | *Path of Discipleship, trainings offered, etc...*
- Key Measurements- Lagging indicators | *RCIA Mass attendance, confession, etc...*

# *Marks of a Missionary Disciple*

## *Encounter*

- Regular sacramental life
  - Attends Sunday mass and frequents daily mass when possible
  - Regular confession
- Daily commitment to mental prayer (minimum 20-30 minutes)
- Intercedes for the lost

## *Grow*

- Continues to pursue love and knowledge of Christ and his Church
- Is involved in discipleship relationships geared towards growth and accountability
- Grows in confidence of skills needed for evangelization
- Grows in understanding of the mission field and its challenges

## *Witness*

- Models the love and mercy of Christ
- Serves the poor and the marginalized
- Builds relationships with those outside of the Church and non-practicing Catholics
- Invites others to encounter opportunities
- Proclaims the Gospel message regularly

