



A Note from Bishop Hying on Into the Deep & the Mission of Evangelization

Bishop Hying has recently written an explanation for the Catholic Herald of our new strategic planning process, *Into the Deep* and how our mission of evangelization will be better served by the bold restructuring that the Diocese is proposing.

"The meaning of our lives is bound up in the love story of God for His people. God made each of us to love Him and one another, to be in an eternal relationship with the Lord. Sin and death shattered God's original plan, but He never gave up on us. He sent us Jesus Christ, who by His life, ministry, death on the cross and resurrection, forgives our sins and leads us to eternal life. When this astonishing Good News—we are eternal, created for God, forgiven and saved in Christ, called to live for love—fills our heads, hearts and souls, we come to know our identity, purpose and destiny. We are beloved children of God, called to love the Lord and bring everyone we meet to Jesus Christ, and destined to live forever in the kingdom of heaven. The Catholic Church tells us the story of our salvation, brings us to Jesus through the sacraments and sends us forth as witnesses of the Gospel..."

As we continue to seek to live the mission of Christ more zealously and fruitfully in the Diocese of Madison, we must renew and reimagine our structures, institutions, resources and methods. Embracing a visionary mission without transforming the supporting ligaments will limit its success. Only changing structure without renewing commitment to the mission is simply moving the furniture around. "Go Make Disciples" is our effort to live the mission of Christ. "Into the Deep" is our strategic plan to make that vision come alive in the power of the Holy Spirit..."

Read the Entire article to Discuss as a Go Make Disciples Team!



[Into the Deep & Mission of Evangelization.pdf](#)

Agenda for the November Team Meeting

1. Prayer

2. Take time to check in with members of the team. Sharing how things are going with daily prayer, keeping holy the sabbath, monthly confession and personal mortification/offering of suffering.

3. Take some time to read through Bishop Hying's article for the Catholic Herald on ***Into the Deep and Evangelization***. Give team members an opportunity to respond and reflect on how this will affect the work of evangelization in your parish. Be open and honest. Develop a list of questions to discuss with your parish mentor.

4. Transition your meeting to a discussion on the upcoming GMD plan: if you have not already, take time to review your plan from last year. Include reflections on what went well and what did not go well.

5. Take some time to review the the instructions for planning for GMD for the next Church year if you haven't already done it. (The template is linked below. It is a simpler form and looks different from last year).

Think strategically about how these 3 aspects (forming leadership, seeking holiness & witnessing to Christ) can be incorporated into the school, religious education, adult faith formation, and parish organizations/events.

6. Finally, discuss the idea of what it means to be an ***everyday apostle***. How can your parish include suggestions and/or formation for lay people to live out the mission of evangelization in their daily lives.

Your mentor will be in touch with you to discuss the dates regarding the Phase 3 plan due later this year!



[Phase 3 Planning Document](#)

News & Updates...

Parish Missions with Bishop Hying

Bishop Hying will be travelling to many parishes in the diocese over the coming months. Consider going to one in your area! Invite a group to go and hear the Good News! [HERE](#) is a complete list of parish missions available!

Mentor Update

Just a reminder that our Diocesan staff has undergone some transition and some of the parishes have been reassigned to new mentors. Your parish mentor will be reaching out to the pastors and parish leads to assist you as you plan for the next phase of your journey in Go Make Disciples.

For any questions, please contact Michelle Nilsson at michelle.nilsson@madisondiocese.org

Great Resources Available!

Every Day Apostles: Ordinary Methods to Help you Share an Extraordinary Message

by Revive Parishes

Revive Parishes offers a short 6-part course that offers insight into mindsets, skills and habits that help everyday apostles share the faith with those around them.

Revive parishes is a free online platform that offers courses with a single goal in mind: "Transforming parish leaders so they

Adult Confirmation

Each year Bishop Hying will be Confirming adult Catholics seeking to complete Christian Initiation (In Spring of 2023). Please begin advertising and planning a formation process for adults who will be seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. For assistance contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for resources or more information.

RCIA Resources

Do you need help with RCIA and/or RCIA resources for your parishes and those who are seeking full initiation in the Church. Please contact Michelle Nilsson in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for more information. michelle.nilsson@madisondiocese.org



can revive parishes." [Check out Revive Parishes Now!](#)

Small Group Discipleship Quads

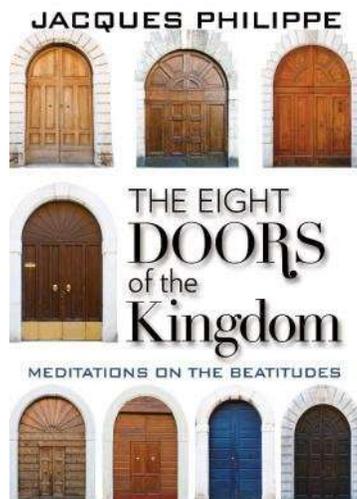
One tried and true method being used in parishes in this time of Renewal is small faith sharing groups. Franciscan University in Steubenville has created their own "take" on small groups entitled, Discipleship Quads. Their resources are free and available to download [here](#).



Catholic Book Programs

Consider that Advent and Christmas are a great time to introduce your parish to a great Catholic Book! Many publishes offer a bulk discount for good Catholic books as an opportunity for evangelization in the parish. Some publishes with good resources:

- [Dynamic Catholic Christmas Book Program](#)
- [Ave Maria Press Catholic Book Program](#)
- [Augustine Institute/Lighthouse Catholic Media \(cd's and books\)](#)



Prefer a book?

Try a book study of *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom*. Fr. Jacques Phillippe shares a reflection on the account of the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew. He presents a teaching on the eight beatitudes and how they are necessary to live a life of discipleship. As he opens the door to each one and its promises he reveals a bit of the kingdom of heaven to the reader! [Buy Fr. Jacques Philippe's book!](#)

Holy Souls in Purgatory



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy

Sacrifice of the Mass. (www.catholicculture.org) [Pray the Litany for the Holy Souls in Purgatory!](#)