



Where Do We Go from Here?

We are in an idea gathering stage and your input is important. We invite you to participate by providing us with your contact information and how you would like to contribute to our mission.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

I would like to participate in item # _____
of the ideas listed on the reverse.

I would like to volunteer my time

List your ideas:

Please return this portion with your contact information into the "New Evangelization" box located in the Narthex or in the Sunday collection. A member of the committee will gladly contact you to discuss your participation in our mission.

Our Mission

We commit to the deep spiritual renewal of our Catholic parish, our Catholic schools and the enrichment and strengthening of families and all those in our parish. We will strive to draw souls closer to God, through prayer, worship, family life, faith formation, and the care of the vulnerable.

We further commit to reach out, with a loving spirit, to evangelize those among us who no longer practise their faith. We invite them to return to their Catholic faith, develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of this faith, and be led to an intimate, life- changing relationship with God through the Roman Catholic Church.

Our goal is to live out our faith in a visible way so that in seeing Christ in us, people will be drawn to Him.

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“Wake up the world!”

~Pope Francis

The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. All Catholics are invited to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

The New Evangelization focuses on bringing the burning desire to renew a relationship with Jesus to those Catholics who have fallen away from His friendship and from our community of faith.



Our vision is to continue to strive to be faithful Disciples of God and His church. Our focus is to help good Catholics to become better Catholics, to lead lost Catholics into a deeper meaning of faith and to define Christian life by prioritizing Christ in our lives.






The New Evangelization offers hope and is the responsibility of all people dedicated to God. An invitation is extended to this entire community to become involved, to share your gifts and talents and to go forth to evangelize.

Meeting with Jesus

How does a person have this meeting?
It must be desired, requested and prayed for.

“Ask, and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

Our hearts and minds must be open and prepared to receive Christ as He chooses to come to us in the midst of our everyday lives. Through a prayerfulness of spirit and an attentiveness to the spiritual dimension of life, we may be more disposed to recognize the Lord as He makes Himself known to us. Opportunities for spiritual growth are found in:

-  quiet prayer
-  reading the Scriptures
-  works of charity
-  the Sacraments of the Church
-  the events, people and challenges of our daily life

All are given to us by God so that we may be able to “meet Jesus”, His Son and Our Lord!

Ideas:

In our sessions, as a committee, we have brainstormed many ideas as to how this can begin. Here are only a few of our ideas:

1. Bringing a non-practising friend, neighbour or family member to Holy Mass
2. A suggestion box will be put into place for you to voice your ideas on how to reach those Catholics who have fallen away from the church
3. More youth involvement in ministries and youth choirs
4. Greeters to welcome parishioners and visitors at each mass
5. Families as gift bearers at the presentation of the gifts
6. Teaching masses and catechetical instruction during mass in order to better understand the richness and meaning of our Sacraments and Rituals
7. A calendar of events can be provided in order for parishioners to plan around parish activities

