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Evangelization and the Sunday Mass

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Catholic Pioneer Days
In Wisconsin And Upper Michigan
A Vision for the Future: Evangelization and the Sunday Mass
The Church Today:

- Fewer than 30% of self-identified Catholics attend Mass on the weekends.
- About 10% of Americans identify themselves as former Catholics.
- The fastest growing religious demographic is the “nones”.
The Church Today:

- 71% of Catholics who leave do so because their spiritual needs aren’t being met.
- Nearly 70% of Catholic children are not enrolled in a day school or a religious education program.
And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18–20
“a new Pentecost”

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The Church is changing and I'm on the transition team
Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

-Albert Einstein
Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.

– St. Catherine of Siena
Maintenance to Mission
Maintenance Parishes:

- Same people do the same things
- Parish staff are burned out and tired
- Many parishioners don’t know the parish’s mission
- Parish calendar and parish budget don’t match the parish mission
• Won’t let go of old activities to make way for new ones
• Not enough time to work on the weekend homily
• Minimal singing and participation
• Lack of well thought out hospitality
• “Are you a registered member?”
• Outside groups and sporting events dominate
• Activities while Mass is being celebrated
• No thought to “the lost” and seekers
• Lack of prayer outside of Mass
Missional Parishes:

• Emphasis on reaching those who aren’t there
• In love with the Church Christ Jesus formed
• People speak openly about their relationship with Christ
• Less activities
Missional Parishes:

• Listening and actively engaging outsiders
• Laser focus on mission – everything flows to and from forming disciples through the Sacramental life of the Church, and helping people encounter Jesus Christ
• More pastoral ministry staff than administrative staff
Every program fits into a plan to help people grow, with a clear “game plan”

The parish budget reflects the mission – that which is central receives the highest amount of resources without apologies.
Vision is a picture that produces **PASSION** within us.
NO!
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