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Proclaim Christ *and* Make Disciples *through the* Sacramental Life *of the* Church.

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Summertime and Evangelization is EASY!



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The mission statement of the archdiocese reminds us of Christ's mandate to "Go and make disciples of all nations." That may seem like a daunting goal given the

world in which we live, as well as the responsibilities we encounter each day. But imagine what we could accomplish if we all answered God's call by inviting just ONE person to know His love through the Holy Mass.

My challenge to you this summer is to go out and make "A" disciple. Sure, you're busy, but even the busiest of us can find time, especially during the summer as the pace of life slows.

Here are some ideas to inspire you:

As a Parent | Set an example for your kids and raise disciples at the same time. Do you have a vacation scheduled? Instead of taking a "vacation from Mass," why not make attending Mass on your vacation a priority? Make it an adventure. Discover the grandeur of a historic cathedral or the simple beauty of a small town church. Our faith is a universal one, but the beauty of every church is as unique as the community of believers who attend Mass!

As a Friend | "Let's have lunch" can take on new meaning! Instead of meeting



for coffee, consider meeting a friend for brunch – AFTER you attend Mass together!

As a Spouse | Many couples dedicate one night a week for "date night." It's a time to nurture your relationship. Why not start that "date night" – or daytime date – with Mass? After all, faith is the cornerstone of every marriage. What a perfect reminder sharing the Eucharist is, of the importance of faith to your relationship.

As a Co-Worker | Parish festivals abound this time of year. Invite a co-worker to join you for your parish festival. Many start with Mass, so invite them to join you for Mass first!

As a Grandparent | Passing down the faith is important to you but with kids attached to their cell phones or computers, it can be hard to develop that relationship. Well, Christ met people where they were and so can you! If you don't have a Facebook presence, ask your grandchild to help you set one up. Then, connect with them – technology CAN help you make a disciple!

As a Parishioner | Remember that the person sitting next to you this week – or next month – may be a visitor to your parish. What impression can you make as a disciple of God by how you express your joy as a worshipping member of your faith community, or, by how you welcome visitors, like them, at your weekly Sunday Mass.



Find your Missionary Mojo

Each one of us, by virtue of our baptism, is called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus with joy and introduce people to Christ and his Church. We are called to be “missionaries” at home, at work and in the community. Everyone, as Pope Francis reminds us in “The Joy of the Gospel,” is part of this missionary “going forth” (#20).

As Catholics, the idea of being a missionary is typically not at the forefront of our minds. For most of us, when we hear the word “missionary,” we tend to think of courageous individuals, past and present, who go to far-off foreign lands to preach the Gospel and serve the people. We thank God for their faithful commitment, but that’s simply not something most of us desire to do.

Perhaps the reason we don’t tend to be missionary-minded people is because for decades, we didn’t have to be. There wasn’t a need for us to make disciples

and fill our churches and schools; Catholics just came on their own. Wave after wave of ethnic and racially diverse groups poured into our archdiocese and, at great personal sacrifice, built churches and schools for not only their families, but for the community at large.

But the New Evangelization, championed by St. John Paul II and his successors, challenges us to wake up and realize it’s a new day. Things don’t work the way they used to on many different fronts, both inside the Church and in the broader culture. So, we need to re-introduce Christ to the people of our day in new ways.

We have a new mission! Individually and collectively, we are called and sent to “Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church.” Answer the call to rediscover, or perhaps discover for the first time, your missionary mojo!



ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE | MISSION STATEMENT

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his saving death and resurrection by calling, forming and sending disciples to go and make new disciples. As a people, we are called to encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.



Intentional Discipleship

Habit Two: *Daily Scripture Reading*

Intentional discipleship is like any high level skill – it takes practice. The more you do it, the better you get! Practice your discipleship by repeating and building six essential habits (right).

In this ongoing series, we will explore these habits one at a time. Today we focus on Habit Two: Encounter Jesus in Daily Scripture Reading.

Catholic discipleship is best understood as an “intentional lifestyle.” It is a chosen, full-time, all-in way of life. And the only way we get there is to seek personal encounters with Jesus in His Church. Daily Scripture reading is one such encounter.

Here’s how to build a habit of daily Scripture reading: set aside 10 minutes at the same time every day. Pick a Gospel and read it from beginning to end. After your reading each day, open your heart and listen for how Jesus is calling you to a deeper relationship and new life in Him.

Prayer for the Mission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Almighty and ever living God,
 we praise you and we bless you,
 for you are great indeed!

Grant, we pray,
 as on that first Pentecost,
 that tongues of fire may descend upon us,
 and that the driving wind of your Holy Spirit
 may blow boldly into our hearts.

Loving God, we ask you,
 make us effective and holy witnesses
 of the death and resurrection
 of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 increase our faith
 through the sacramental life of the Church,
 grant us courage to follow you
 as faithful disciples.

Embolden us, O God,
 so that we may go forth to proclaim
 your Gospel and renew the face of the earth.

In this Archdiocese of Milwaukee,
 we humbly pray for strength and fortitude
 to follow your great commission:
 to go and make disciples of all people,
 living our faith through word and deed.

Through the intercession of St. John the
 Evangelist, patron of the archdiocese,
 and Mary, Mother of the Church,
 we ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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The 6 Habits of Catholic Intentional Discipleship

- Encounter Jesus in Daily Prayer Time
- Know Jesus in Daily Scripture Reflection
- Receive Jesus in the Eucharist Often
- Seek Jesus’s Mercy in Reconciliation Often
- Serve Jesus in the Least Often
- Share Jesus in Regular Parish Service

La evangelización durante el verano es fácil



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La declaración de la misión de la arquidiócesis nos recuerda el desafío que Cristo nos dio de “Ir y hacer discípulos de todas las naciones.” Eso puede parecer un desafío enorme

dado al mundo en el que vivimos, así como las responsabilidades que nos encontramos en cada día. ¿Pero imaginemos lo que podríamos lograr si todos respondiéramos al llamado de Dios, de invitar a una sola persona a conocer su amor a través de la Santa Misa?

Mi reto para ustedes este verano es de salir y hacer “un” discípulo. Claro, ustedes están ocupados, pero aun el más ocupado puede encontrar el tiempo, especialmente durante el verano, ya que el ritmo de vida es más lento - aunque sea un poco.

Aquí están algunas ideas para inspirarlos:

Como padres | Den un buen ejemplo a sus hijos y criarán discípulos al mismo tiempo. ¿Tienen vacaciones programadas? En lugar de tomar unas “vacaciones dejando de ir Misa”, ¿por qué no hacen que ir a Misa sea una prioridad en sus vacaciones? Conviértanlo en una aventura. Descubran la grandeza de una catedral histórica o la simple belleza de una iglesia en un pueblito. Nuestra fe es universal, pero la belleza de cada iglesia es tan especial como la comunidad de creyentes que asisten a la Misa.

Como amigos | Salir a almorzar o

tomar una taza de café puede tomar un nuevo significado. Consideren invitar a un amigo para desayunar o almorzar - ¡después de Misa!

Como esposos | Muchos esposos dedican una noche a la semana para “tener una cita romántica”. Es un tiempo para cultivar su relación. ¿Por qué no iniciar esa “cita romántica”, o día de encuentro, con la Misa? Después de todo, la fe es la piedra angular de todo matrimonio. Compartir la Eucaristía es un perfecto recordatorio de la importancia de la fe en la relación.

Como compañeros de trabajo | Los festivales parroquiales abundan en esta época del año. Inviten a un compañero/a del trabajo a que los acompañen al festival parroquial. Muchos de los festivales comienzan con la Misa, ¡así que invítenlos a acompañarlos a Misa primero!

Como abuelos | Transmitir la fe es importante para ustedes, pero con los niños pegados a sus celulares o computadoras puede ser difícil desarrollar esa relación. Bueno, Cristo encontraba a la gente donde ellos estaban de modo que ¡ustedes también pueden hacerlo! Si no tienen una presencia en Facebook, pidan a sus nietos que les ayuden a abrir una cuenta. Luego, conéctense con ellos - ¡la tecnología puede ayudarles a hacer un discípulo!

Como feligreses | Recuerde que la persona que está sentada al lado de ustedes esta semana - o el próximo mes - puede estar visitando su parroquia. Ustedes pueden hacer una gran impresión como discípulos de Dios en la forma que ustedes expresan su alegría como feligreses en su comunidad de fe, o por la manera en que reciben a los visitantes, en la Misa Dominical.

El segundo hábito del discipulado intencional: *leer la sagrada escritura a diario*

El discipulado intencional es como cualquier otra habilidad, requiere práctica - cuanto más practique, ¡más mejorará! Practique su discipulado repitiendo y formando seis hábitos esenciales.

En esta serie, vamos a explorar estos hábitos uno por uno. Hoy nos enfocaremos en el segundo hábito: encontrar a Jesús leyendo la biblia a diario.

El discipulado católico se entiende mejor como un “estilo de vida intencional.” Es una forma de vida

que uno elige todo el tiempo. Y la única manera para lograrlo es buscar encuentros personales con Jesús en su Iglesia. Leer la biblia a diario es una manera para encontrarse con Él.

Esta es una manera en se puede formar el hábito de leer la biblia todos los días: Dedique 10 minutos a la misma hora todos los días. Elija un Evangelio y léalo de principio a fin. Después de leerlo cada día, abra su corazón y escuche cómo Jesús le llama a una relación más profunda y una nueva vida en Él.