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Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples Through the Sacramental Life of the Church.

One Year Later: “Return to the Upper Room”



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As we approach Pentecost, I can't help but think back to last year when 500 Catholic leaders from throughout the archdiocese gathered at the Cousins Center for the Archdiocesan Synod. I had hoped this historic gathering would inspire spiritual renewal and a renewed vision for the archdiocese, and my prayers were answered.

Following the Synod, I issued a declaration, “Filled with the Holy Spirit,” which affirmed all the priorities the Synod delegates voted on. The event also motivated the development of a new mission statement for the Church in our archdiocese. I share it with you in this publication – it is the mission Christ gave to all of us as Christians, and I'm encouraging all parishes to adopt it as their own, or as part of their current mission statement.

The Archdiocesan Synod Implementation Commission (ASIC) has since been formed to facilitate the implementation of the Synod outcomes. District Gatherings held this past spring helped parish leaders plan for and begin implementation of the Synod priorities.

Currently “Pastoral Priority

Teams” are being formed and we are getting ready to celebrate the first-year anniversary of the Synod entitled “Return to the Upper Room.” This event will celebrate our accomplishments as we work to invigorate the Church, but perhaps more importantly, it will also help us to remain focused on the work ahead.

What does all this mean for you? Well, many things, but most importantly that you remember that we are all members of this Body of Christ and that we all must play a part in fulfilling the mission of the Church.

This year I am asking that parishes place a special emphasis on “Evangelization and the Sunday

Mass.” This will mean different things for different parishes but my prayer is that people will grow in their understanding and appreciation of the Mass and that all will reach out to “seekers” and to those Catholics who are no longer as active in their faith.

One “habit of discipleship” is to receive Jesus in the Eucharist often. I invite all of you to go to Mass as often as possible and to bring a friend. Let's invite people to experience the beauty of our Church, especially through the Mass and Eucharist.

May the Holy Spirit ignite within you a fire and call you into deeper discipleship as we LOVE ONE ANOTHER.




A New Mission for a Missionary People

As Catholics, we are a “people on the move.” As “missionary disciples,” Pope Francis would say we are challenged to bring Christ and his Good News to the needs and wounds at home, in the workplace and in our community. We are called to meet Jesus and grow in our relationship with him in the Church, so that Christ can then send us out to introduce him to others.

Mission is our fundamental “Catholic identity” and we can trace that identity directly back to Jesus. Giving the Church her marching orders, he commissioned his disciples by saying, “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 (Matthew 28: 16-20).

Mission is who we are and what we do! With that in mind, Archbishop ListECKI used his recent Synodal Declaration to challenge us with a compelling new Archdiocesan Mission Statement. Firmly rooted in the marching orders of Jesus, this mission statement contains two parts:



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MISSION STATEMENT

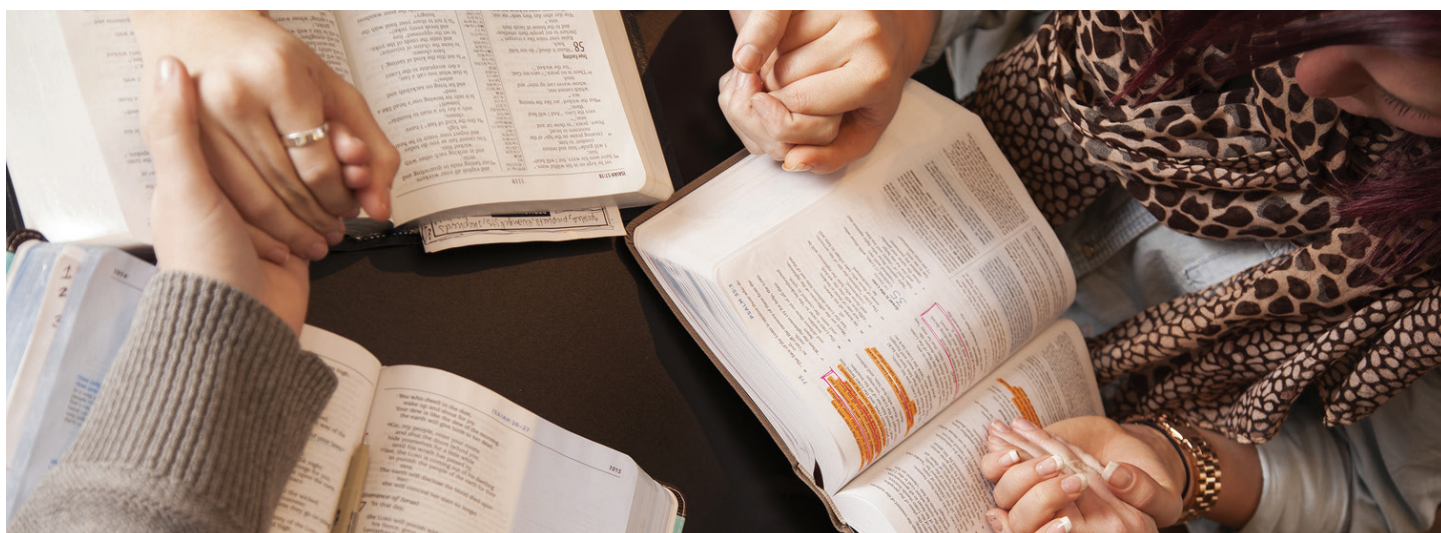
To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his saving death and resurrection by calling, forming and sending disciples to go and make new disciples. As a people, we are called to encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.

Mission: Part One – Direction

The first part of the mission statement tells us where we are going and what we need to do along the way. Put simply, every one of us is sent into daily life to proclaim Jesus and make disciples. Our lives changed by him, we are called to share Christ and invite others to meet him personally, too.

Mission: Part Two – Empowerment

Since we can only give away what we have, Catholics are encouraged to encounter Jesus deeply and often in prayer, Scripture, service and the sacraments in order to grow as intentional disciples. These encounters with Jesus provide the “engine” for our mission as Christians.



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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Looking for more ways to show your “Catholic ID”?

Check out the videos! The “Catholic ID” video blog series is available at www.archmil.org/Our-Faith/Catholic-ID.htm. Share it with others.



Intentional Discipleship Habit One: *Daily Personal Prayer*

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

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

Our Catholic faith is first and foremost a relationship with Jesus in the Church and the lifestyle choices that flow from that relationship. Simply put, discipleship is a personal friendship with the Lord. Like any friendship, we need to make time for the relationship in order for it to grow. Daily personal prayer time is one way for our friendship with Jesus to take root and bear fruit.

Here’s a simple recipe for building a habit of daily prayer. Set aside 10 minutes at the same time every day. Find a location that is quiet. Speak to Jesus from the heart in your own words. Praise him, ask forgiveness, thank him for blessings, and pray for others. Surrender yourself and listen!

“Regresemos al Cenáculo”: un año después



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A medida que nos acercamos a Pentecostés, no puedo dejar de pensar sobre el año pasado, cuando 500 líderes católicos de toda la arquidiócesis se reunieron en el Cousins Center

para el Sínodo Arquidiocesano. Tenía la esperanza que esta reunión histórica inspirara una renovación espiritual y una visión renovada para la arquidiócesis, y mis oraciones fueron escuchadas.

Después del Sínodo, publiqué una declaración, “Llenos del Espíritu Santo”, la cual afirmó todas las prioridades sobre las cuales votaron los delegados del Sínodo. El evento también motivó el desarrollo de una nueva misión para la Iglesia en nuestra Arquidiócesis, la cual comparto con ustedes en esta publicación. Es la misión que Cristo nos dio a todos nosotros como cristianos, y estoy animando a todas las parroquias a que la adopten, o que sea parte de su misión actual.

La Comisión para la Implementación del Sínodo Arquidiocesano (ASIC, por sus siglas en inglés) fue formada para facilitar la implementación de las prioridades sinodales. Las reuniones de distrito que se llevaron a cabo la primavera pasada ayudaron a los líderes parroquiales a planificar e iniciar la implementación de las prioridades sinodales.

Actualmente se están formando “Equipos Pastorales para las Prioridades” y nos estamos preparando para celebrar el primer aniversario del Sínodo llamado “Regresemos al Cenáculo.” Este evento celebrará nuestros logros a medida que


trabajamos para revitalizar a la Iglesia, pero tal vez más importante, también nos ayudará a mantenernos enfocados en el trabajo que tenemos por delante.

Este año estoy pidiendo que las parroquias hagan un énfasis especial sobre “La evangelización y la Misa Dominical”. Esto implicará diferentes cosas para diferentes parroquias, pero mi oración es que la gente crezca en su comprensión y apreciación de la Misa y que todos den la bienvenida a los que están “en búsqueda” y aquellos católicos

que ya no son tan activos en su fe.

Un “hábito del discipulado” es recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía con frecuencia. Invito a todos a ir a Misa lo más a menudo posible y que lleven a un amigo. Invitemos a la gente a experimentar la belleza de nuestra Iglesia, especialmente a través de la Misa y la Eucaristía.

Que el Espíritu Santo encienda en ustedes un fuego y les llame a un discipulado más profundo al amarnos los unos a los otros.



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**DECLARACIÓN de la MISIÓN
de la Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee**

Proclamar el Evangelio de la muerte salvadora y resurrección de Jesucristo a través del llamamiento, formación y envío de discípulos para ir y hacer nuevos discípulos. Como pueblo, estamos llamados a encontrarnos con Jesús y crecer como discípulos a través de la vida sacramental de la Iglesia.

El primer hábito del discipulado intencional: *la oración personal diaria*

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 primer hábito: encontrar a Jesús en la oración diaria.

Nuestra fe católica es, ante todo, una relación con Jesús y la Iglesia y las elecciones del estilo de vida que nacen de esa relación. En pocas palabras, el discipulado es una amistad personal con el Señor.

Al igual que cualquier amistad, tenemos que dedicarle tiempo para que la relación crezca. Dedicar tiempo a la oración personal diaria es una manera para que nuestra amistad con Jesús eche raíces y dé frutos.

He aquí una receta simple para la formación del hábito de la oración diaria. Dedíquese 10 minutos a la misma hora todos los días. Busque un lugar tranquilo. Converse con Jesús desde el fondo de su corazón con sus propias palabras. Alábele, pídale perdón, dele gracias por las bendiciones y ore por los demás. ¡Entréguese y escuche!