

MISSIONARY LEADER *Update*

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office of Missionary Planning & Leadership

The *Update* is designed to inspire, inform, engage, and empower leaders in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee so that they are equipped for data-informed mission-driven planning and leadership.



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GalileeU – A New Evangelization and Discipleship Resource for Parish Leaders!



Do your missionary strategic plans include increasing evangelization and developing a pathway for discipleship? GalileeU offers a simple way to provide parish leaders more formation in evangelization and discipleship, to help your parish reach its vision.

GalileeU is for ordinary Catholics who desire to live extraordinary faith, and is open to all adults. However, it is designed specifically to equip leaders, such as:

- Council members
- Staff members
- Small group leaders
- Ministry team leaders
- Key volunteers
- Core team members

Offered by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, and funded by the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, GalileeU Sessions are free of charge, with the exception of longer GalileeU Retreat Experiences.

Sessions are offered in-person on some dates and virtually on other dates.

Here is a preview of two sessions scheduled for October 21:

- **[Evangelizing your Family, Friends and Co-workers](#)**

Those we are closest to are often the most difficult people to reach with our faith. Learn how to meet them where they are and invite them to their next step on the journey to a lived relationship with God and the Church.

- **[Living Fruitful Catholic Discipleship](#)**

We are all “called to be disciples” and “to make disciples”, but what does this actually look like? Explore a process to help you get to know Jesus better, follow him more closely as his disciple, and help others do the same.

Explore the [GalileeU website](#) for more information and registration links. Invite your fellow parish leaders!

Planning Tools: Building Focus on Mission (Part I in a Series)



The Archdiocesan Office of Missionary Planning and Leadership has various tools in our toolbox for parish leaders to access and utilize when considering planning at their parish. Over the

course of the next several issues of our newsletter, we will highlight one such tool for your use. If you have

an interest in our tools or in strategic planning at your parish, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you!

This month's tool is ***Getting Formed on Discipleship and Mission***. This tool is designed to train leaders, so they have the right perspective on leadership and parish planning. This single session (60-90 minutes in length) is delivered to interested leaders onsite by a trainer from the Missionary Planning and Leadership office.



Growing as Leaders

We are not just leaders, we are “*Catholic leaders*.” This means that we must lead from and toward an overarching “*Catholic worldview*.” So how should Catholics see the world? For the answer, check out this short but powerful video by Msgr. John Shea here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWTp4qbDjgq>

Leading like Jesus

“Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic.”



- Luke 9:1-3

- As a leader in the Lord's church, what power and authority has Jesus given you?
- Jesus tells us to take nothing for the journey. When leading, what do you bring with you that does not belong to Jesus?

Answering the Call to Lead: Pastoral Council 101

Effective pastoral councils are continually trying to “*be more missional*” and “*plan for the future*.” In addition to the *three purposes of the council* ([see our September newsletter](#)), vibrant pastoral councils can look to these tasks as a potential “to-do” list:



- Identify and develop parish disciple-leaders
- Monitor and develop the parish for mission
- Review demographic trends for planning purposes
- Collaborate with staff/committees toward mission alignment
- Consult on proxy requests
- Participate in priest placement consultations
- Participate in deanery assemblies and diocesan events

Every council should review this list, at least annually, and plan the council year accordingly. For detailed descriptions of these tasks, see pages 47-48 in the [Parish Councils Manual](#).

2021 Status Animarum: Important Changes

The Status Animarum is an annual survey distributed to parishes to collect important statistics essential for planning at both the archdiocesan and parish levels.



Two significant changes have been made to the 2021 Status Animarum to make it easier for parishes to complete.

- Surveys will be sent to parishes this fall, during the same data collection period as the Official Catholic Directory (OCD) survey.
- Statistics collected will cover fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the same reporting period as the OCD survey, instead of the previous calendar year as in years past.

Although not all of the statistics sought in both reports are identical, there is sufficient overlap that we hope having you collect the data at the same time will cut down on duplication of efforts.

The archdiocese did not send a request for Fall Mass Counts, as we are trying to reduce the number of times we ask for parish information. Instead of asking you to complete another survey form, an “Average Weekend Mass Attendance” question will be asked in the Status Animarum.

More details on completing the 2021 Status Animarum will be sent to your parish soon.

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