

# 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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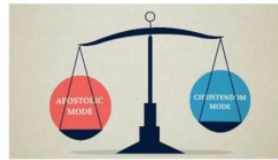
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## Growing as Leaders

Leadership is always contextual. In other words, the realities of the time and situation define the mode of engagement that is needed. What is our time and situation? What are the leadership implications?

To jumpstart that discussion at your parish, [watch this thought-provoking video.](#)



[Christendom and Apostolic  
Modes of Engagement -  
YouTube](#)

Prime Matters ([www.primematters.com](http://www.primematters.com)) is a groundbreaking project of educational outreach of the University of Mary: "Awakening the Catholic Imaginative Visio..." [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

## Leadership Planning Tools: Building Focus on Mission (Part 2 in a Series)

The Office of Missionary Planning and Leadership can support the development of your parish work with our **Planning Toolbox**.

Have you ever thought about casting a vision and creating a mission for your parish? Maybe it is time to re-evaluate and update your vision and mission. Either way, our planning tools can help you with this initiative. ***Casting a Vision and Creating a Mission*** is in our Toolbox. This tool is used by parishes to set a vision for where they want to go with planning. It helps to answer the question: "Planning toward what?" This tool involves 1-2 onsite sessions facilitated by a trainer from our office. Check us out!

(Missed Part 1? Go back to our [October Missionary Leader Update newsletter.](#))

## Answering the Call to Lead: Pastoral Council 101

Does your parish have an "Organizational Chart"? One of the pastoral council's three tasks is to "coordinate and foster the pastoral activity of the parish."

One way to do that is to map out the ministry areas on an organizational chart, showing what ministries you have and how they connect to each other. An organizational chart also helps you see how the lines of communication flow up and down the organization. For more information, see pages 30-31 in the [Parish Council Manual](#).

## Are You Leading People into a Relationship with Jesus?

An estimated 28% of adult parish members in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee practice their faith, but admit they don't know Jesus personally like a friend. Although one in 10 of those adults are growing spiritually at a steady and continued pace, nearly 40% admit they *want* to grow more in their faith.

Even a third of those who report that their relationship with Jesus is the most important relationship in their life, want to grow more in their faith than they currently are.

What a tremendous opportunity to introduce Jesus to others and support their desires to grow spiritually!

The Disciple Maker Index survey, administered in spring of 2020, provides this kind of data, not only for the

archdiocese, but also for your parish. More than 20% of members across the archdiocese answered the survey, and if at least 8-10% of adults at your parish turned in the survey, we can review the results to create the story for your parish.

Survey results reveal data about the Catholic Journey of your members and their discipleship behaviors, help identify strengths and opportunities for parish growth, and much more.

Contact Laura Engel at [engell@archmil.org](mailto:engell@archmil.org) or 414-769-3354 to discuss survey results for your parish and how to apply them to your missionary planning.

*What is your plan to introduce Jesus to others?*

## GalileeU – Upcoming Sessions for Parish Leaders

Parish leaders play a significant role in creating a parish-wide culture of hospitality, and in being part of a team of growing disciples.

Consider attending these two sessions to explore great content on these topics:

- [Welcome and Engagement Training](#) – November 18 (virtual session)

If a new person came to your church, would they feel welcomed, engaged, and loved by Christ and your



community? This training provides practical tools to help you make your parish a place where every person is seen, known, and loved.

- [Sharing Your Story](#) – December 9 (in-person)

Every disciple has a story of how they have experienced God in their daily life. The world needs your story, and God longs to bless others when you share it. Come learn how to recognize and share the stories of God's loving action in your life.

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

## Leading like Jesus

Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and 'the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.'"

— Luke 13:18-19

- What seeds did Jesus plant that you cultivated into fruit?

- Who are the mustard seeds, the especially small seeds, in your parish, knowing their growth will not be immediate, but will continue over time and are in need of your nurturing?
- What challenges does slow growth present? How will your leadership address these challenges?

## Prayer for Our Mission

Prayer is the roadmap for everything we do. We find our identity and direction in prayer. As parish leaders engaged in mission-driven planning, consider praying together our **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 Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Oración por Nuestra Misión

La oración es el guía de todo lo que hacemos. En oración, descubrimos identidad y dirección. Como líderes parroquiales, involucrados en una planificación impulsada por la misión, consideren orar juntos nuestra **Oración por la Misión de la Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee:**

¡Todopoderoso y eterno Dios,  
te alabamos y te bendecimos  
porque tú eres grande en verdad!

Concédenos,  
como lo hiciste en el primer Pentecostés,  
que las lenguas de fuego puedan descender sobre nosotros  
y que el viento de tu Espíritu Santo  
entre firmemente en nuestros corazones.

Amoroso Dios, te pedimos que,  
nos hagas testigos efectivos y santos  
de la muerte y resurrección  
de tu Hijo, Jesucristo;  
aumentes nuestra fe a través de la vida sacramental de la Iglesia;  
Nos des el valor para seguirte  
como discípulos fieles.

Anímanos, Oh Dios,  
para que podamos salir a proclamar  
tu Evangelio y renovar la faz de la tierra.

En esta Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee,  
oramos humildemente para la perseverancia y la fuerza  
para seguir tu gran comisión;  
de ir y hacer discípulos de todos los pueblos,  
viviendo nuestra fe a través de palabra y de obra.

Pidiendo la intercesión de San Juan el Evangelista,  
patrón de la arquidiócesis, y de María, Madre  
de la Iglesia, ofrecemos esta oración a través  
de Cristo nuestro Señor.

Amén

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