



## **Evangelization Key Issues and Key Questions**

### **Cultural Realities**

- There is no longer an cultural support for faith and religion
- The culture is promoting many anti-Gospel values and attacks on the Church
- Many have left Catholicism and many still leave at a very early age
- Many current Catholics do not have a deep and personal faith

**Reflection Question:** Given these cultural realities, how do we invite people to encounter Jesus in His Church and become disciples?

### **Theological Foundations**

- Evangelization invites people to have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit
- Evangelization calls people to personal conversion and intentional discipleship
- Evangelization empowers people speak and act their faith
- Evangelization calls people to transform the culture according to the Gospel

**Reflection Question:** How can we center our mission on inviting people to encounter Christ in the Church and become intentional disciples who share and act on their faith in everyday life?

### **Other Issues and Challenges**

- We need to understand the stages of discipleship and evangelize accordingly
- We need to create a “culture” of evangelization for the formation of disciples in our parishes
- We need to develop talented and faithful leaders, along with the necessary financial resources, to implement an Archdiocesan plan for calling, forming, and sending intentional disciples

**Reflection Question:** How do we find the human and financial resources to form leaders who can build a culture of making disciples in parishes?

### **Small Group Task: Key Initiatives, Quick Hits, Innovative Ideas**

In light of the key issues and questions articulated above, identify how to strengthen the mission of the Church in the area of **Evangelization** through:

- **2-3 Key Initiatives**
- **1-2 Quick Hits**
- **2-3 Innovative Ideas**