

Fire Upon the Earth

Evangelization Resource Directory



Office of Evangelization

Diocese of Metuchen

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Our Mission

The Mission of the Diocese of Metuchen is to evangelize all people, at all times, and in all places. We are to proclaim the MESSAGE of Jesus; to teach His TRUTH; to extend His LOVE to people of all ages.

About this Resource Book

This resource book lists resources to assist parishes in the work of evangelization. We have categorized the resources according to where they fall in the process of evangelization. We hope that this will help you locate what is most appropriate for your needs.

Resource Loaning

Some of the materials listed may be available for loan from the Office of Evangelization for parish use. Please contact us for further details as to the loan policy.

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What is Evangelization

“Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God. It must always be directly connected to the Lord Jesus Christ. “There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed” (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 22).

“Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical on missionary activity, summed up the three objectives of mission:

- To proclaim the Gospel to all people
- To help bring about the reconversion of those who have received the Gospel but live it only nominally
- To deepen the Gospel in the lives of believers”

“We use the word ‘evangelization’ because its root meaning is ‘Gospel’ (Good News) and because it calls us, even if it is uncomfortable, to live the faith of our baptism more openly and to share it more freely.”

“Evangelization has different implications depending on our relationship to Jesus and his Church. For those of us who practice and live our Catholic faith, it is a call to **ongoing growth and renewed conversion**. For those who have accepted it only in name, it is a call to **re-evangelization**. For those who have stopped practicing their faith, it is a call to **reconciliation**. For children, it is a call to be **formed into disciples** through the family's faith life and religious education. For other Christians, it is **an invitation** to know the fullness of our message. For those who have no faith, it is a call to **conversion** to know Christ Jesus and thus experience a change to new life with Christ and his Church.”

Source: Go and Make Disciples: *A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States Tenth Anniversary*

The New Evangelization

“The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on **re-proposing** the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for the re-proposing of the Gospel "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization."

“The message of Jesus Christ needs to be re-sown and watered for those who have already heard Christ's call, but who have not been fully evangelized or catechized.”

Source: Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops



The New Evangelization
Renewed Enthusiasm. Apostolic Zeal. Missionary Impulse. Boldness.

The Process of Evangelization

The process of evangelization is like setting a bonfire ablaze. It begins with preparatory work, moves into the ignition of the elements, entails stoking and feeding these elements to maintain the fire and lastly, allows and encourages the fire to blaze forth within proper parameters.



PREPARE



IGNITE



STOKE



BLAZE

Phase 1

Pre-Evangelization: *Prepare the Fire*

Prepare hearts for the reception of the Gospel message

Phase 2

Proclamation: *Ignite the Fire*

Proclaim the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ

Phase 3

Discipleship: *Stoke the fire*

Form conscious followers and students of Jesus Christ

Phase 4

Apostleship: *Let the fire blaze*

Send out mature disciples to "GO" and proclaim the Gospel

Phase 1: Pre-Evangelization

The preparation of hearts for the reception of the Gospel message is needed in many cases before a person can respond to the call to commit or recommit him or herself to Christ and His Church. The following resources can help stir up faith and thus are appropriate for the initial stage of evangelization.

BIBLE STUDIES

A Quick Journey through the Bible

Ascension Press

Length: 8 sessions (DVD based)

Jeff Cavins

This eight-part DVD study provides an excellent and meaningful overview of salvation history as an introduction to the narrative story of the Bible. Jeff Cavins briefly covers the same information taught in the 24 part *Bible Timeline* study in a series of eight, half-hour talks that are complemented by group discussion questions, useful maps and charts, and brief assignments for home study. This is a great way to “get your feet wet” and learn how to begin authentic Catholic Bible study.

www.ascensionpress.com

Sacraments in Scripture: Salvation History Made Present

Emmaus Road Publishing

Length: 8 sessions (book based)

Dr. Tim Gray

This Bible is a study on the seven sacraments, prefigured in the Old Testament and instituted by Jesus Christ in the New. Following the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Sacred Scripture, Dr. Gray delves into the biblical origin for each of these masterpieces of God’s love. He guides readers through the Gospels, showing Christ’s deliberate acts to inaugurate these sacred signs as the foundation of the New Covenant. With review questions at the end of each chapter, this study is ideal for both group and individual study at the introductory level.

www.emmausroad.org

Boys to Men: The Transforming Power of Virtue

Emmaus Road Publishing

Length: 9 sessions (book based)

Dr. Tim Gray and Curtis Martin

This is a Bible study designed specifically for men who want to build their spiritual strength and who are taking seriously their call to Christian discipleship. Each challenging lesson combines rich Scriptural teaching with centuries of Christian wisdom to train today's men for the virtuous life. With thought-provoking questions at the end of each chapter, this book is ideal for individual or group study. www.emmausroad.org

Courageous Series

Emmaus Road Publishing

Length: 8 sessions per study (book based)

Stacy Mitch

Intended for individual or group study, the Courageous series examines the teaching of Sacred Scripture on women and the feminine pursuit of holiness for women of all ages and walks of life. There are four book-based studies currently available: ***Courageous Women; Courageous Love, Courageous Virtue and Courageous Generosity***. Each book includes a leader's guide and study questions to help promote and direct discussion. Participants use both the Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Most questions are objective, leading the student to know and appreciate the teaching of the Catholic Church. The author also includes subjective matter that will encourage the reader to a healthy examination of conscience and to real-life applications. www.emmausroad.org

Opening the Word

Augustine Institute

Length: varies (DVD based)

Opening the Word is a weekly Catholic faith formation resource that helps you unpack the meaning of the Sunday Readings and explore how they connect to your life. The three components of Opening the Word are: (1) Video reflection from dynamic Catholic teachers like Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Tim Gray, and Dr. Mary Healy. (2) Personal Prayer Journal with guided prompts to help participants apply the readings to their own life in a personal way—complete with Bible verses, prayers from the Saints, and references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. (3) Leader Guide with step-by-step instructions. For more info, visit: <http://openingtheword.org/>

CATECHETICAL STUDIES

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Ascension Press

Length: 5 sessions (DVD based)

Dr. Ed Sri

In this five-part DVD series Dr. Sri takes the viewer on an exciting tour of the liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass, it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance. Each 30 minute talk is designed to accompany a lesson in A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Student Pack and Leader's Pack.

www.ascensionpress.com

Feast of Faith

Crossroads Initiative

Length: 4 sessions (DVD based)

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

This is a series developed for the Year of the Eucharist which takes you on a journey of discovery, offering profound yet easy-to-understand reflections on the nature of the Holy Eucharist – the “source and summit” of the Catholic faith. Peppared with humor and practical examples, the Feast of Faith is enjoyable to watch and its teaching is easy to remember. Its 20 minute segments are just the perfect amount of time to develop a theme without wearing the audience out! Discussion questions provided in the study guide make the discussion leader's job easy. Perfect for either personal use or viewing by an RCIA class or adult or teen study group. www.crossroadsinitiative.com

I Believe - The Heart of Catholic Faith

Crossroads Initiative

Length: 4 sessions (DVD based)

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

I Believe - The Heart of Catholic Faith is a four-part video series on the Nicene Creed which explains how the very heart of the Catholicism is all about intimate, personal relationship with God. It's about a community of love between three Divine Persons, and the powerful, loving way that each of those Divine Persons breaks into our world to transform our lives. This series explains how faith is not irrational but the most reasonable response possible to God's amazing deeds. "I Believe" follows the outline of the Nicene Creed, but don't be mistaken--it is far from a stuffy, academic presentation of the basic beliefs of Roman Catholicism! Full of enlightening metaphors and colorful anecdotes, "I Believe" leads its audience not only to a clearer understanding of the articles of faith Roman Catholics profess, but a deeper love relationship with God the Father, Son, and Spirit.

www.crossroadsinitiative.com

Catholicism 101: Essentials for the Journey

Excorde Media

Length: 10 part Series (DVD based)

Jeff Cavins

Whether you are a Catholic, a recent convert, or just interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, this is an educational series for you. Catholicism 101 explains some of the basics of Catholicism in 10 dynamic 60 minute presentations drawing upon the Bible and Catechism. Topics include: Conversion, The Bible, The Sacraments, The Mass, Mary, etc. Participant workbooks are available too. Order from: www.stgeorgebooks.com

OTHER RESOURCES

Catholicism

Word on Fire

Length: 10 part series (DVD based)

Fr. Robert Barron

This is not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, but rather an engaging and interesting formational program that makes use of art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. The series was filmed in 50 locations throughout 15 countries with original, high-definition cinematography. Each episode is 60 minutes in length and has an accompanying workbook for each topic if so desired. For more information go to; www.wordonfire.org

Is Religion Necessary?

PROCLAIM! Publications

Length: 6 sessions (book based)

Barbara Reed Mason

This is a small group book-based series which raises and answers basic faith questions such as: *Is Religion Necessary? Who is God? Why is there evil and suffering?* The answers are explored through the use of Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Contact the Office of Evangelization to obtain a copy: evangelization@diometuchen.org

Dogmatic Theology: Coming to Know God Through Man's Best Friend

John Paul II Media Institute

Length: 8 sessions (DVD based)

Fr. John Mallon

What do you get if you spell "God" backwards? Man's best friend. Add a Catholic priest, a theologian, eight weeks of dogma and you get Dogmatic Theology, a dynamic eight-part DVD chock-full of humour, insight and theological consideration. Based upon Fr. James Mallon's many experiences with his shepherd mix dog, this course explores themes central to the Christian faith. Each theme is then illuminated by a documentary testimony and a teaching by Dogmatic Theologian, Dr. David Deane.

Phase 2: Proclamation

St. Paul tells us that the grace of faith comes through hearing the Word of Christ (Rom. 10:17). Hence, proclamation of the message of Christ, (the *kerygma* in Greek), is the essential component for igniting the fire of faith in a soul. There is no true evangelization without the simple, direct and integral announcement of the Good News of Jesus Christ to an individual, that is, the meaning of His Life, Death and Resurrection for them. This “initial and ardent proclamation” should “overwhelm the person and bring him to the decision to entrust himself to Jesus Christ by faith” (CT, 25).

RETREATS/COURSES/SEMINARS

THAT PROCLAIM THE BASIC GOSPEL MESSAGE (THE KERYGMA)

Kerygma: A Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Proclaim Publications

Length: 6 sessions

Office of Evangelization

A brand new Catholic Bible-based retreat which gives the participants the opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus through hearing and responding to His Word and renewing the gifts and graces received in Baptism & Confirmation. Although it uses both Scripture and Church teaching to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ, it is not an academic study of salvation history but rather an opportunity for the many Catholics who do not know the basic Gospel message to experience its life-changing effects. For more info, visit Proclaim Publications at <http://proclaimpublications.com>. To bring “Kerygma” into your parish either through a six-week program or a weekend retreat, please contact the Office of Evangelization.

New Life Retreat

St. Andrews School of Evangelization

Length: Weekend

Office of Evangelization

This is a unique **retreat experience** in which the basic Gospel message is proclaimed in a dynamic and engaging way over the course of a weekend. The goal is to lead the participants to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and reawaken the sacramental graces of Baptism

and Confirmation. Contact the Office of Evangelization for the schedule of upcoming retreats in English and Spanish at www.diometuchen.org/evangelization

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Office of Evangelization

Length: 7 sessions

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A Life in the Spirit **Seminar** is a means of proclaiming the initial Gospel message in a seminar format over the course of 7 consecutive weeks; however, it can be done over a weekend as well. Prayer for the Baptism in the Spirit is the climax of the seminar. Contact the Office of Evangelization for more information.

Made for Joy

Parish Life Services

Length: 6 sessions

Peter Ziolkowski

This is a small **group study**, drawing on both Scripture and the Catechism, which presents the basic Gospel message in a simple, easy to use study format and leads the participants to a personal encounter with Christ. Part I of the study focuses on embracing the life of God and Part II on living in His presence as a disciple. Copies of the books are available through the Office of Evangelization for review or, for more information visit www.parishlifeservices.org.

Cursillo

Cursillo International

Length: 4 days

Metuchen Cursillo Movement

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "little" or "**short course**". It begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday evening. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life. Visit www.metcursillo.org for more info or contact Dr. Anthony A. Tangorra at 908-766-1900 | drtangorra@yahoo.com

Phase 3: Discipleship

Once a commitment or recommitment of one's life has been made, the third phase begins. Disciples are conscious followers and students of the Lord Jesus Christ. They have a living, personal relationship with Him and require extensive formation in the Faith. This formation is to be at once systematic and integral and its goal is complete transformation of life. The fire that was ignited in the second stage will smolder and wither if it is not stoked by sound spiritual, intellectual, moral and communal teaching and mentoring. Jesus spent three years forming/discipling 12 men and then commissioned them to evangelize the world.

FORMATION COURSES: BIBLE STUDIES

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

Ascension Press

Length: 24 sessions (DVD based)

Jeff Cavins

This study is the cornerstone of *The Great Adventure Bible Study Program* by Ascension Press. Presented in twenty-four in-depth sessions, this is full-immersion Catholic Bible study. Jeff Cavins introduces Catholic principles of Scripture Study and provides comprehensive teaching and commentary on the entire biblical narrative from the book of Genesis to Revelation. Hundreds of thousands of people have learned to read and understand Scripture with *The Bible Timeline*. To preview the series contact the Office of Evangelization or go to: www.ascensionpress.com for more information.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Ascension Press

Length: 24 sessions (DVD based)

Jeff Cavins

Picking up where *The Bible Timeline* ends, Matthew shows how Jesus builds on the foundation of the Old Testament to inaugurate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. For this reason, it is an ideal follow-up study to the basic narrative of Scripture taught in *The Bible Timeline* course. To preview the series contact the Office of Evangelization or go to: www.ascensionpress.com for more information.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

Ascension Press

Length: 20 sessions (DVD based)

Jeff Cavins

Step three builds on The Bible Timeline and Matthew by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative. To preview the series contact the Office of Evangelization or go to: www.ascensionpress.com for more information

Other Bible Study Resources can be found at:

The Great Adventure Bible Study System <http://biblestudyforcatholics.com>

Catholic Scripture Study International www.cssprogram.net

Emmaus Road Bible Series www.emmausroad.org

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology (Online Bible Studies) www.salvationhistory.com

FORMATION COURSES: PRAYER/ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer

Ascension Press

Length: 8 Sessions (DVD based)

Fr. Mark Toups

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice.

www.ascensionpress.com

Praying the Scriptures for a Change

Ascension Press

Length: 7-8 Sessions (book based)

Dr. Tim Gray

This is a book-based study on praying with the Scriptures in the tradition known as of *Lectio Divina* (divine reading). In this succinct book, Catholic theologian and biblical scholar Dr. Tim Gray walks you through the Bible and the wisdom of the saints to reveal the practical steps of this great treasure of our Tradition. Learning the simple steps of *lectio divina* will provide a practical and effective way for you to enhance your prayer life through the power of God's Word. www.ascensionpress.com

A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Ascension Press

Length: 5 Sessions (DVD & book based)

Dr. Ted Sri

Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience. www.ascensionpress.com

Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk

Ascension Press

Length: 8 Sessions (DVD based)

Jeff and Emily Cavins

Walking Toward Eternity is an inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. Through daily prayerful meditation with Scripture (*lectio divina*), they will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. *Daring to Walk the Walk*, the first series of *Walking Toward Eternity*, introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life.

Friendship with God

Catherine of Siena Institute

Length: 4 Sessions (CD based)

Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P.

Friendship with God is a 4 part CD series by Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P. which looks at our relationship to God from the standpoint of friendship with him, which is God's desire for each one of us. It serves as a good introduction to the spiritual life. For more info, contact The Catherine of Siena Institute at www.siena.org or the Office of Evangelization to review it.

The Universal Call to Holiness & Personal Vocation

St. Bernard Church, Bridgewater, NJ

Length: 6 Sessions (book- based)

Msgr. Joseph Celano

The Universal Call to Holiness & Personal Vocation is a small faith group sharing series created by Msgr. Joseph Celano in collaboration with the pastoral council of St. Bernard Church, Bridgewater, NJ. For more information contact: Msgr. Joseph Celano at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church Bridgewater (908) 752-0552.

Parish Reflection Series

In The Arms of Mary Foundation

Length: 5 Series (booklet based)

This parish Reflection Series is based on books produced by the Families of Nazareth Movement to assist parishes and small faith sharing groups. Each series is short (between 4-6 weeks) and as such is ideal for establishing a faith sharing group, for use during Advent or Lent, with RCIA, etc. Some of the topics covered include: The Sufficiency of God Alone; The Eucharist; Mary; Pure Love; Conversion of Heart. For more information go to www.inthearmsofmary.org or contact the Office of Evangelization to review the materials.

Renewal Ministries Prayer Series

Renewal Ministries

Length: 6 Series (CD based)

Dr. Ralph Martin

Renewal Ministries has a series of teachings by Ralph Martin on the spiritual life based upon the writings of the Doctors of the Church but explained on the layman's level. These courses are available on CD. The topics are as follows: **Holiness in Everyday Life** – Francis De Sales; **Transformation in Christ** – St. John of the Cross; **Union with God** – Teresa of Avila; **Growing in Love** – Catherine of Siena; **Journey to God** – Bernard of Clairvaux; **Surrendered to Love** – Therese of Lisieux. For more information, please visit www.renewalministries.net. Another helpful resource is Dr. Martin's *The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God based on the Wisdom of the Saints*. This book also contains a study guide for group or personal study. Additionally, a video based on the book can be purchased.

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Montfort Publications

Length: 5 Sessions (DVD based)

Fr. Hugh Gillespie

Join Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM, for a series of conferences that guide the viewer through the key steps of the 33-day process of preparation to make St. Louis de Montfort's Act of Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary. Beginning with an overview of the entire process, this 3-DVD set includes individual presentations that provide rich biblical and theological insight into the nature of the spirit of the world, our need for the grace of God to truly know ourselves, coming to a truly intimate and personal knowledge of Our Lady and the opening of our lives to the Spirit of Jesus Christ. A book also written by Fr. Gillespie takes individuals through the 33-day process of preparation. For more info, please go to www.montfortpublications.com.

FORMATION COURSES: DOCTRINE

Pillars: A Journey Through the Catechism

Ascension Press

Length: 4 Series (DVD based)

Dr. Sean Innerst

Pillars: A Journey through the Catechism, uses the Catechism's structure and divides the program into four sections: The Creed, The Sacraments, the Moral Life, and Christian Prayer. In this study you will learn why the Catechism should be treated less like a fact book and more like a roadmap for our faith journey. You will learn what God's "innermost secret" is and how we're called to participate in it. You will see that our journey of faith is one from "Blessing to Blessing," that the God who made us wills that we return to him and you will discover how the Catechism can be seen as a new catechesis for the New Evangelization. And much more! Pillar I: The Creed is the first in the series and is 12 parts. For more info go to: www.ascensionpress.com

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Catholicism 201

John Paul II Media Institute

Length: 8 part Series (DVD based)

Fr. James Mallon

This series is completely unrelated to Catholicism 101 but similar in its approach to learning more about the Catholic faith on an individual topic basis, not a systematic study. Each talk is 30 minutes in length and has small group discussion questions and handouts included. For more information go to: www.catholicism201.ca

Living the Catholic Faith : Rediscovering the Basics

St. Catherine of Siena Press

Length: 11 part Book and workbook series

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap;

Rev. Daniel J. Mahan, STL & Jean Homrighausen Zander

Addressing the difficult question of what it means to be a Catholic in the twenty-first century, Archbishop Charles Chaput offers a sound, contemporary vision for understanding the teachings of the Church and shows how you live them out with a spirit of love and obedience. How can you experience a fresh, active spiritual life? Find out as you rediscover the vital basics of Living the Catholic Faith. Parents, teachers, newly-married couples, priests, religious – every person who is searching the best way to live their faith amidst day to day struggles will benefit from this book and study guide, useful for small group or individual purposes. For more info, visit www.saintcatherineofsienapress.com.

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Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. Each episode is 60 minutes in length and has an accompanying workbook for each topic if so desired. For more information go to; www.wordonfire.org

Symbolon: Adult Formation and RCIA

Augustine Institute

Length: 18 sessions (DVD based)

Symbolon is a comprehensive, systematic video-based curriculum for general Adult Faith Formation and the RCIA catechumenate that proclaims the fullness of the Catholic Faith, re-evangelizes adults in the parish, and forms life-long disciples. It is designed to bring the “new ardor, expression, and methods” of the New Evangelization to every parishioner. Its goal is to re-evangelize the faithful—to form life-long disciples from the heart of the Church by inviting participants not to just know the faith but to surrender their daily lives to Jesus Christ. This is done by training parish leaders and equipping them with dynamic and faithful resources. Through beautifully crafted catechesis and state-of-the-art video, a team of some of the most dynamic teachers in the country guides your parishioners on a tour through the Catholic Faith. For more info, visit <http://www.symbolonrcia.org>.

Phase 4: Apostleship

Discipleship is followed by apostleship which is marked by the recognition that one has a baptismal mandate to bring the Gospel to all people. A fire will continue to blaze only if it is properly fed and stoked. So too will the work of evangelization endure only if there is appropriate and ongoing formation for the faithful and the continuous proclamation of the Gospel message.

The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus: Servant, Steward, Shepherd

Our Sunday Visitor

Length: Varies (Book based)

Owen Phelps, Ph. D

Follow the Path of the Greatest Leader of all Time. Discover the power of Christ's personal and practical example and make a measurable difference in the lives of those around you -- at home, at work, in the community or in your parish. Transform your leadership style in light of Jesus' compelling combination of servant, steward, and shepherd. The companion workbook will help you explore your response to Jesus' call to faith. It is filled with practical ideas, real-life applications, and many additional tools to help you establish new habits and goals. For use by individuals or groups, this will equip you to become a leader and influencer in the mold of Jesus Himself. Visit the Our Sunday Visitor website for more info: <https://catalog.osv.com>.

Prepare to Lead: Bible Study Leader's Training Course

Office of Evangelization

Length: 9 monthly sessions (September-May)

The Prepare to Lead Course is taught in this diocese annually. It is designed to form Bible study facilitators by offering a basic introduction to the Sacred Scriptures. The classes lay a foundation in the Catholic approach to reading and interpreting the Word of God so as to equip the participants for their work in Bible study facilitation. The topics covered in this course include: The Origins and Structure of the Bible, The Senses of Scripture, The Literary Genres, Key Old and New Testament Concepts, The Geography of the Bible, Interpretation, Inspiration and Inerrancy, the Canon of Scripture, The Narrative Approach of Scripture, Lectio Divina, Bible Study Tools, etc. Course locations, registration information and schedules can be obtained by contacting the Office of Evangelization at: evangelization@diometuchen.org

Apologetics Course

Office of Evangelization

Length: 9 monthly sessions (October – June)

Apologetics is an aspect of evangelization that has as its purpose the explanation and defense of the Christian faith. Broadly speaking, it is a form of apology through which a person gives a reasonable defense, or a logical explanation of the Faith. This course, sponsored by the Office of Evangelization, is an annual offering to assist the many Catholics who have strong faith but need to grow in their knowledge and articulation of it. Each year a different topic is covered. More information can be found by contacting the Office of Evangelization at: evangelization@diometuchen.org

Called & Gifted Charism Discernment Course

Catherine of Siena Institute

Length: 5 sessions (CD based)

How has God gifted you personally for the sake of building up the kingdom of God on earth? How can you reliably discern His call in your life? This course speaks to these and other essential aspects of lay apostleship in a uniquely penetrating and engaging style. Begin your own discernment and discovery of the personal way you are equipped to make Jesus present in the world. Topics include: The critical role of the laity in the Church's mission to the world; Essential elements of the lay office and ordained office; The nature of spiritual gifts or charisms; The 24 most common charisms; and the five steps of discerning a charism. For more information, please contact The Catherine of Siena Institute at www.siena.org or the Office of Evangelization.

St. Andrew's School of Evangelization

Office of Evangelization

Length: Full Weekend (Friday night – Sunday afternoon)

St. Andrew's School of Evangelization is an international school of evangelization that offers dynamic and practical evangelization courses designed to form evangelizers for the New Evangelization. Because of their unique teaching methods participants are easily engaged in the Gospel message. Developed sequentially, the methodology of the program begins with courses that initiate participants into the evangelization process and then proceeds to form them into evangelizers through another series of courses. For more information on upcoming courses within the Diocese of Metuchen, in both English and Spanish, contact us at: evangelization@diometuchen.org

Inactive Catholic Outreach and Home Visitation Training

Office of Evangelization

Length: varies

The Office of Evangelization offers Inactive Catholic Outreach and Home Visitation Training to parishes interested in reaching out to inactive members and non-Catholics. The training consists of a teaching segment as well as a practicum. Home Visitation can be a powerful means of evangelization when it is properly done and when a well planned follow-up strategy is in place. Ideally every parish should develop some form of home visitation and outreach as part of its overall evangelization efforts. For more information, please contact the Office of Evangelization at: evangelization@diometuchen.org