



Where do we start?

Evangelization is a call to ongoing growth and conversion; a call to be formed into disciples.
Our efforts at evangelization are both implicit and explicit.

Evangelization permeates all Church ministries and also involves some specific ministries. For those specific ministries to be successful and bear fruit, it is necessary to have a plan in place.

The steps listed are offered as a guide to getting started

1. Form a committee. (See *Thy Kingdom Come, A Manual for Evangelization Staff*, USCCB, 1999, pages 9-12 for criteria on how to choose team members)
2. Involve pastor, parish staff, and representatives from each parish commission.
3. Together study the U. S. Bishops' document, *Go and Make Disciples*.
4. Assess the parish activities around each of the three goals and strategies. (See Assessment Tool below)
5. Identify 1-3 priorities/objectives.
6. Identify strategies for each priority named
7. Seek approval of pastor, staff, and parish commissions
8. Implement strategies.
9. Assess efforts.

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Evangelization Assessment Tool

Go and Make Disciples lists three goals for Catholic evangelization. In the document, the U.S. Bishops pledge themselves to accomplish these goals and go on to name objectives and possible strategies. In the study version, there is an assessment tool for parishes to use to evaluate how well their parish accomplishes these objectives. Unfortunately, the study guide version is no longer in print. The following exercises are adaptations of that.

On a scale of 1-3, rate each objective: 1 --- being accomplished quite well,
 2 --- being accomplished somewhat
 3 --- not being accomplished at all.

Goal I: To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.		
A.	On going conversion of individuals	
B.	On going conversion and renewal of parishes	
C.	Personal appreciation of Scripture	
D.	Explicit evangelization at the Sunday Eucharist	
E.	Presence of Christ in sacraments.	
F.	Appreciation of Scripture in worship	
G.	Deeper prayer life	
H.	Renewed understanding of faith	
I.	Sense of discipleship	
J.	Religious experience through small groups	
K.	Spirituality in households	
L.	Spirituality in the workplace	
M.	Ethnic, cultural spirituality	
Goal II: To invite all people in the United States, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith.		
N.	welcoming communities	
O.	Faith sharing, invitation to conversion	
P.	Family faith sharing	
Q.	Equip and empower all Catholics to evangelize	
R.	Invitation at special times	
S.	Formation of core team of evangelizers	
T.	Invitation to church	
U.	Programs for inactive Catholics	
V.	Programs for unchurched	
W.	Cultural diversity	
X.	Ecumenical involvement	
Goal III: To foster gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.		
Y.	Local service outreach	
Z.	Importance of family	
AA.	Workplace/lay spirituality	
BB.	Witness in arts and intellectual community	
CC.	Public policy, values	
DD.	Involvement in the media	
EE.	Concern for economic systems	