Discipleship Pathways Part 2: The How, and Some Examples

How do you create a Discipleship Pathway?

This is not a cookie-cutter process. Your parish's unique history, gifts, and circumstances will affect how you create your Discipleship Pathway. But, here is a model that you can use as a starting point:

- 1. Provide formation on the PED Diagram for all parish staff and volunteer leaders so that everyone knows the processes of evangelization and discipleship *very well*.
- 2. Identify your missionary disciples.
 - a. The PED Info Packet defines what a "missionary disciple" is.
 - b. You may need to spend a year with at least 12 disciples forming them for mission.
- 3. Identify what you're already doing to serve people in the 4 main categories of the Diagram:
 - a. Pre-Evangelization
 - b. Proclamation and Encounter
 - c. Catechesis
 - d. Missionary Initiation
- 4. Assess the quality of what you have listed in each category.
- 5. Decide what your primary mission initiative (PMI) will be for each category.
- 6. Choose 1-4 secondary mission initiatives (SMIs or "on-ramps") that will naturally transition people into the PMIs.
- 7. Choose titles for each category that are simple, and easy to understand and remember.
- 8. Graphically design your Discipleship Pathway so that it is clear and attractive.
 - a. You could make your Discipleship Pathway the center of an entire brand strategy for your Family of Parishes.

Note: At every step of the way, you should be praying to Jesus and asking Him what **His plan** is for your Family of Parishes and how He wants you to carry it out.

See the next several pages for examples of Discipleship Pathways. Some of them are effective, others aren't. Can you see why?

Conclude by using the last page to determine which items from among all your parish ministries, activities, and services could serve a category of the Discipleship Pathway.

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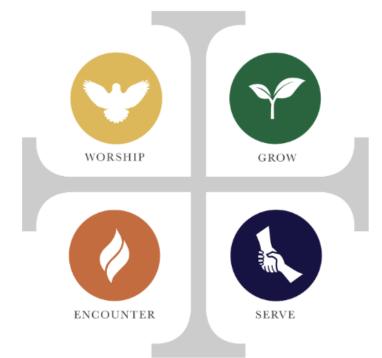




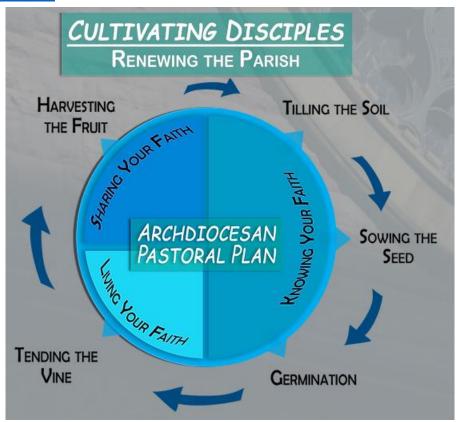




Christ the King, Ann Arbor, MI:



Archdiocese of Atlanta:



Mary Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Salem, MA:

ALPHA

Alpha is multi-week course that creates a space where people come to discuss life's big questions. At Alpha, you'll find hospitality, thought-provoking topics, and good conversation.

BE WELCOMED | BE HEALED

If you are new (or returning) to our parish or to Catholicism, you are welcome here. Join us for Mass, check us out online, or stop by to chat or message us.

If you suffer from spiritual wounds and seek healing, we can help. Check us out on mgoa.org/healing.

ALPHA TEAM

After Alpha, join the team and continue to grow in spirituality and community. Learn about Christian servant-leadership.



ALWAYS AT THE CENTER

WORSHIP PRAYER SACRAMENTS

CONNECT & GROW

The journey continues through the year with MQOA. We offer short and long-term small groups and teaching series where you can learn about your faith and meet great people along the way.

Examples: Small Groups, Marriage Course, How To Catholic, Witness U

DISCIPLESHIP | LEADERSHIP

By our baptism we are priest, prophet and kings (or queens!) and our faith encourages you to share and lead. We offer real-world training and support for all who feel the call.

Examples: leading Beta Groups, teaching Connect & Grow courses, councils, leadership teams

USE YOUR GIFTS

Find out what gifts you have with our gifts discernment process, and then use them to change the world. Whatever you bring to the table, we will match you with a service or ministry that you'll love doing.

Examples: Mass Ministries, Hospitality, St. Vincent de Paul, Alpha support team

St. Mary Magdalene, Brighton, MI:









Fellowship of Catholic University Students:







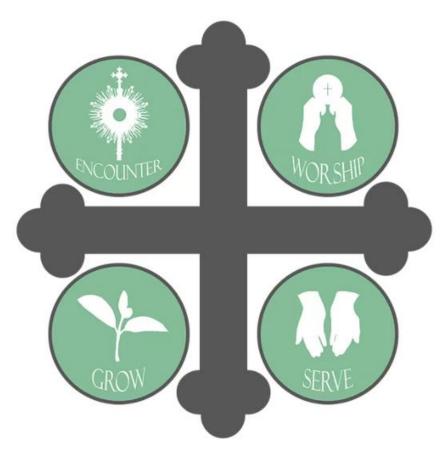
- Acts 2:42





Sending with clarity and conviction for the Little Way of Evangelization – 2 Tim 2:2, Jn 15:8

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PRE-EVANGELIZATION
PROCLAMATION/ENCOUNTER
CATECHESIS
MISSIONARY INITIATION