

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.*

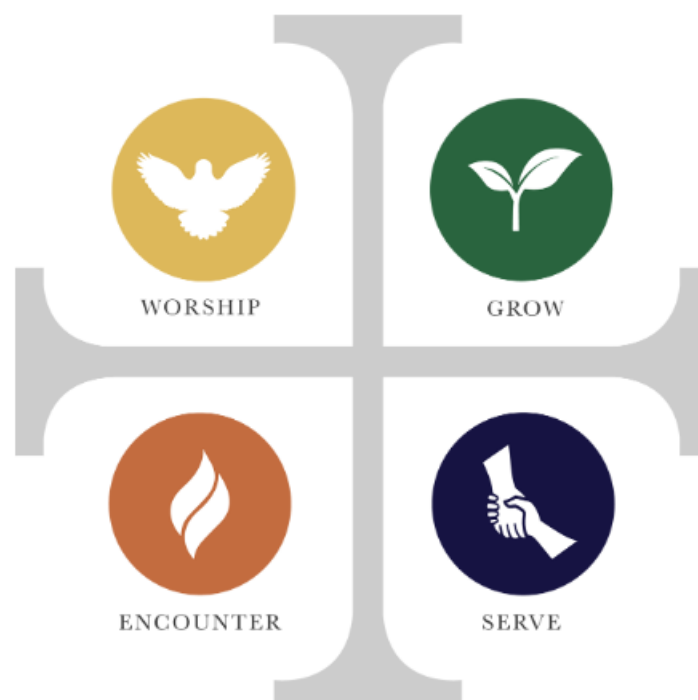
See the next several pages for examples of Discipleship Pathways. Some of them are effective, others aren't. Can you see why?

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.

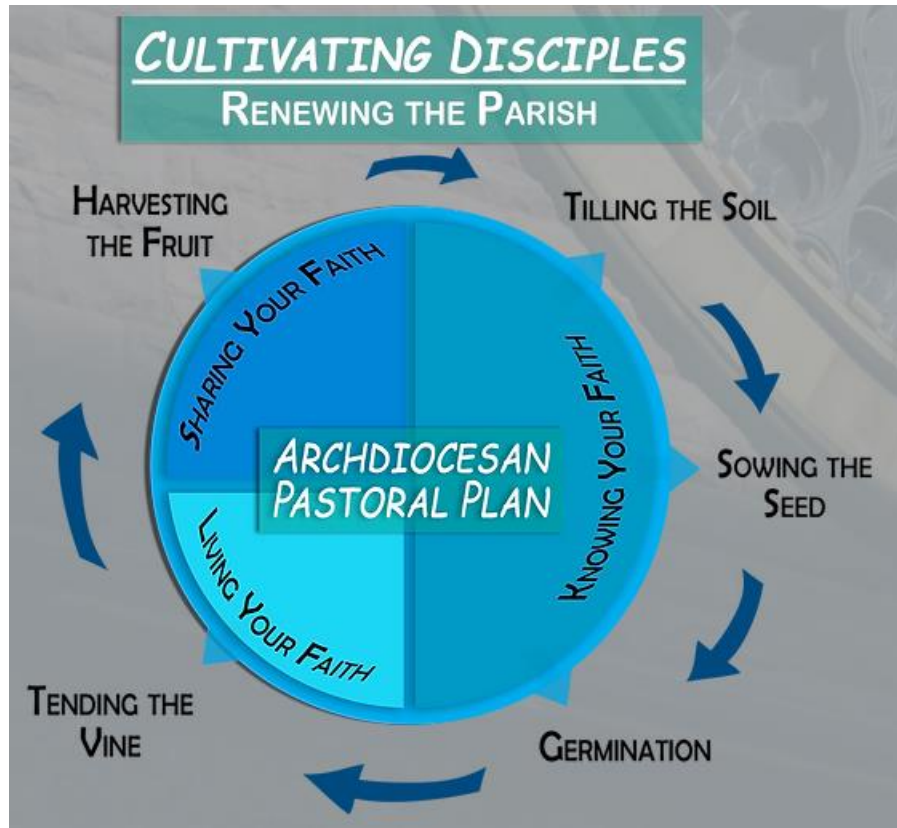
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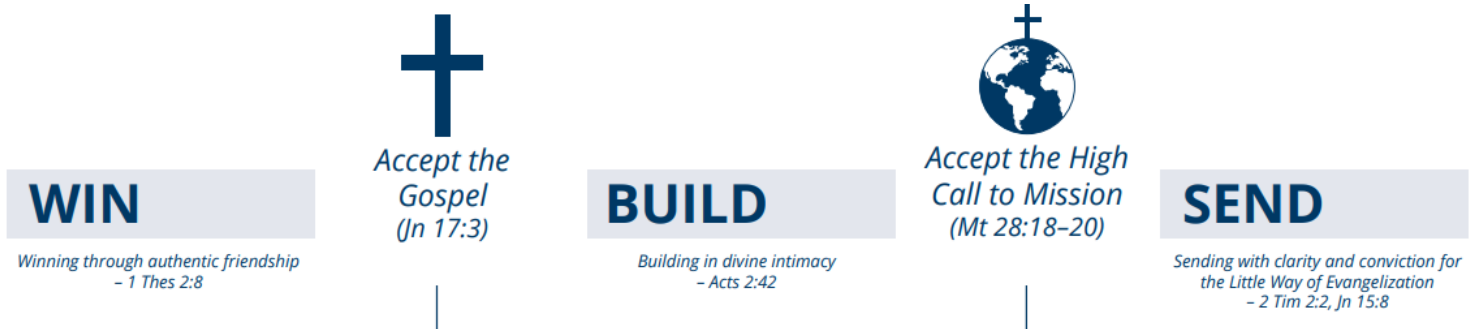
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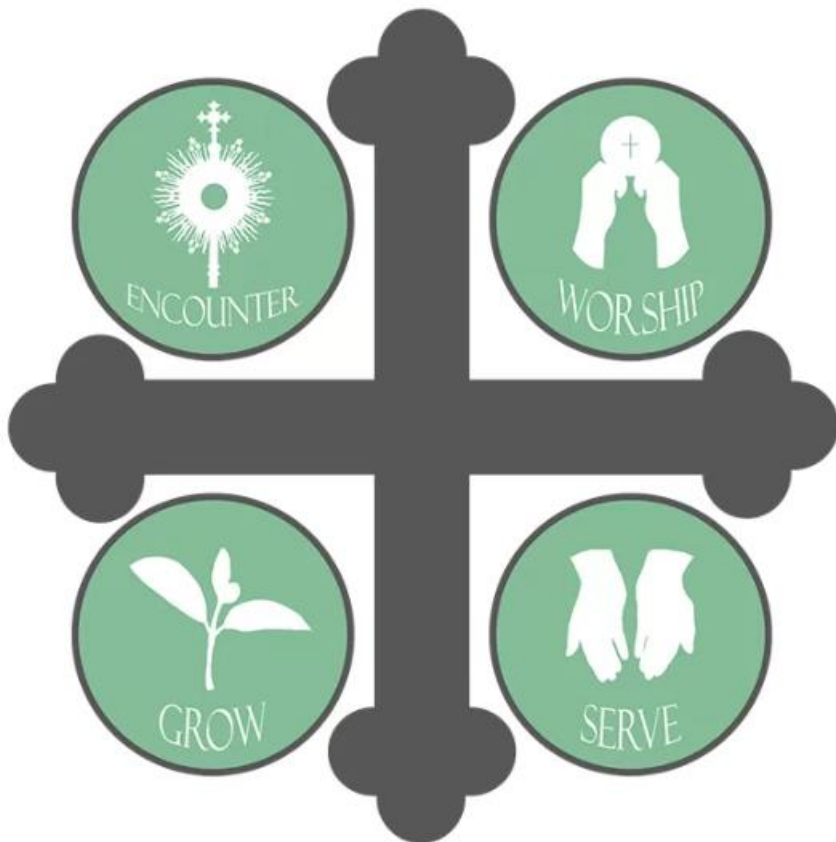
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PRE-EVANGELIZATION

PROCLAMATION/ENCOUNTER

CATECHESIS

MISSIONARY INITIATION

