

Parish Based Training for Evangelization

1) Introduction to Evangelization, a one session overview of evangelization, can be used with interested parishioners as you attempt to recruit a parish evangelization committee/team, or such a session can be used as an inservice for your parish pastoral council and commission chairpersons. Answers the questions:

- what is evangelization?
- what has the Church said about it?
- how can it become a concrete part of parish life?

2) Evangelization and Parish Life, a three session series can be used with your parish evangelization committee/team to break open in greater detail the inservice mentioned above. Includes a systematic consideration of the three goals for evangelization in the United States Bishops' document, **Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States**.

3) Parish Census: Touching All the Households in Your Area, a one session description of organizational points which would go into the planning of doing a door-to-door parish census. The purpose of such a census is:

- updating of the parish registration list
- reaching out to inactive Catholics
- inviting others to check out our faith community

The result is a pastoral contact with each person living within the boundaries of a parish.

4) Preparing Home Visitors for a Parish Census

A one session workshop which includes:

- approaches to beginning a conversation when people come to the door
- an overview of the parish information which may need to be shared
- communication techniques to deal with anger or particular needs which may arise in the conversation

Any of these sessions can be offered for a parish, a cluster of parishes or for a region. Call Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, (pries@dioceseoflansing.org) to discuss bringing evangelization training to your parish.