## GO AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

A diocesan-wide vision for a NEW EVANGELIZATION

## **GOAL OF EVANGELIZATION:**

"EVANGELIZING 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." (United States Bishops, Go and Make Disciples)

"CONVERSION means accepting by a *personal decision,* the saving sovereignty of Christ *and becoming his disciple."* (St. John Paul II, Mission of the Redeemer, 46)

## The parish exists to form MISSIONARY DISCIPLES.

"In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be **EVANGELIZERS**. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach ... completely mission-oriented." (Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel, 28)

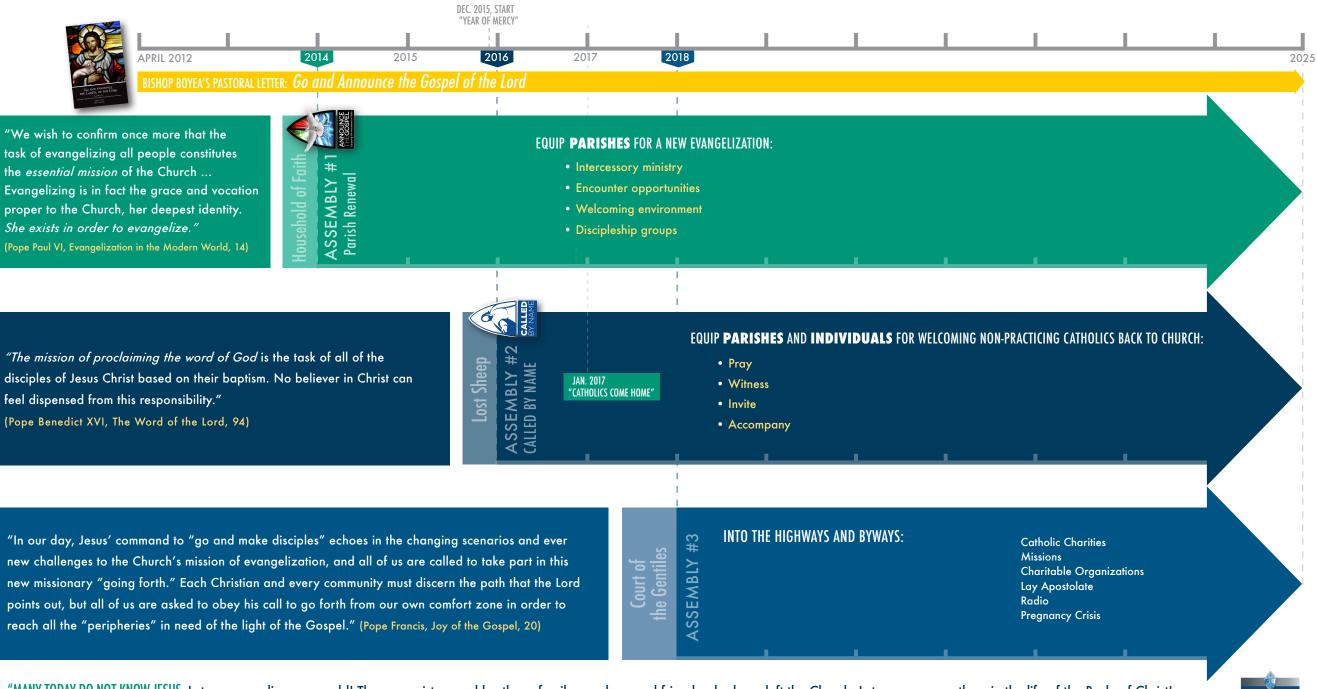


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"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mt 28:19-20

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"MANY TODAY DO NOT KNOW JESUS. Let us evangelize our world! There are sisters and brothers, family members and friends who have left the Church. Let us re-engage them in the life of the Body of Christ! We cannot do this unless we ourselves are converted more fully to the Lord Jesus. Let us be his disciples!" (Bishop Boyea, Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord, 1)