



Evangelization Teams

GETTING STARTED AND DIRECTED



Prayer for Evangelization

Loving God, you called each of us by name, and gave your only Son to redeem us. In your faithfulness, you sent the Holy Spirit to complete the mission of Jesus among us. Open our hearts to Jesus. Give us the courage to speak his name to those who are close to us, and the generosity to share his love with those who are far away. We pray that every person throughout the world be invited to know and love Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. May they come to know his all-surpassing love. May that love transform every element of our society. Amen.

Scripture: John 20: 19 ff.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



Think of people

Who would be good on an evangelization team.

Who might be gifted in accomplishing new directions.

Who would be willing to be trained.

Who could lead an evangelization effort.

Who can liaison well with the pastoral staff.



How Has Team Formation Gone?

- ▶ Very Well
- ▶ OK
- ▶ Difficult but going somewhere
- ▶ We're stuck



Team Formation

- ▶ Do people from your formation group want to continue?
- ▶ Did some new people surface who are interested?
- ▶ How confident are you that you can bring new people on board?





Formation Period: Basic Documents

- ▶ On Evangelization in the Modern World (1972, Pope Paul VI)
- ▶ Go and Make Disciples (1992, USCCB Catholic Bishops)
- ▶ The Joy of the Gospel (2013, Pope Francis)
- ▶ Living as Missionary Disciples (USCCB, 2017)
- ▶ Vision and mission statements of your parish.



Of the following directions, which one(s) should your parish first concentrate on?

- ▶ Outreach to inactive Catholics?
- ▶ Outreach to people without a church family?
- ▶ Formation of parishioners in Scripture sharing?
- ▶ New efforts toward making our parish known to others?
- ▶ Spiritual renewal program?
- ▶ Home visitation (a) to parishioners; (b) to everyone?
- ▶ Youth and Young Adult Ministry?
- ▶ Other directions...?



In which directions did your group want to go?

- ▶ Outreach to inactive Catholics
- ▶ Home visitation
 - ▶ (a) to parishioners
 - ▶ (b) to everyone
- ▶ Formation of parishioners in Scripture sharing
- ▶ New efforts toward making our parish known to others

PEM Resources – Awakening Faith



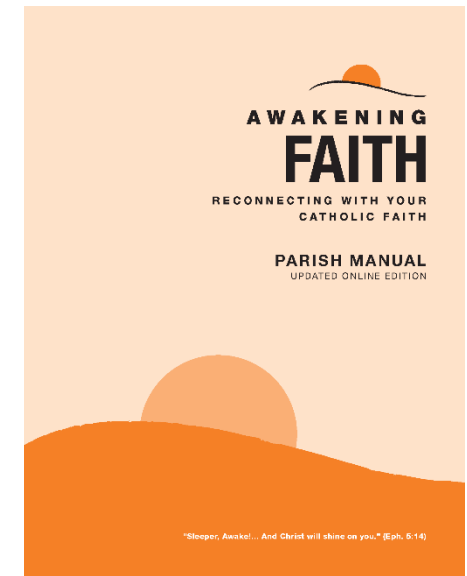
▶ Inactive Catholics



PEM Resources – Awakening Faith



- ▶ Structured conversations around basic faith themes done in a welcoming setting and a trusting environment.
- ▶ Six basic sessions on: Spirituality, Jesus, the Spirit, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, and the Church.
- ▶ Four optional sessions.
- ▶ www.awakeningfaith.org

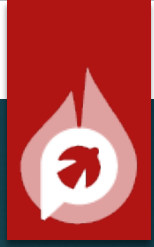


PEM Resources – Neighbors Reaching Neighbors



- ▶ Reaching out in the Neighborhood
 - ▶ A collection of tools
 - ▶ Pamphlets
 - ▶ Brochures
 - ▶ Door-hanger bags
 - ▶ Practical Manual
 - ▶ 2 DVDs
 - ▶ Order and adapt the material you want





Deepening Experience Encounter

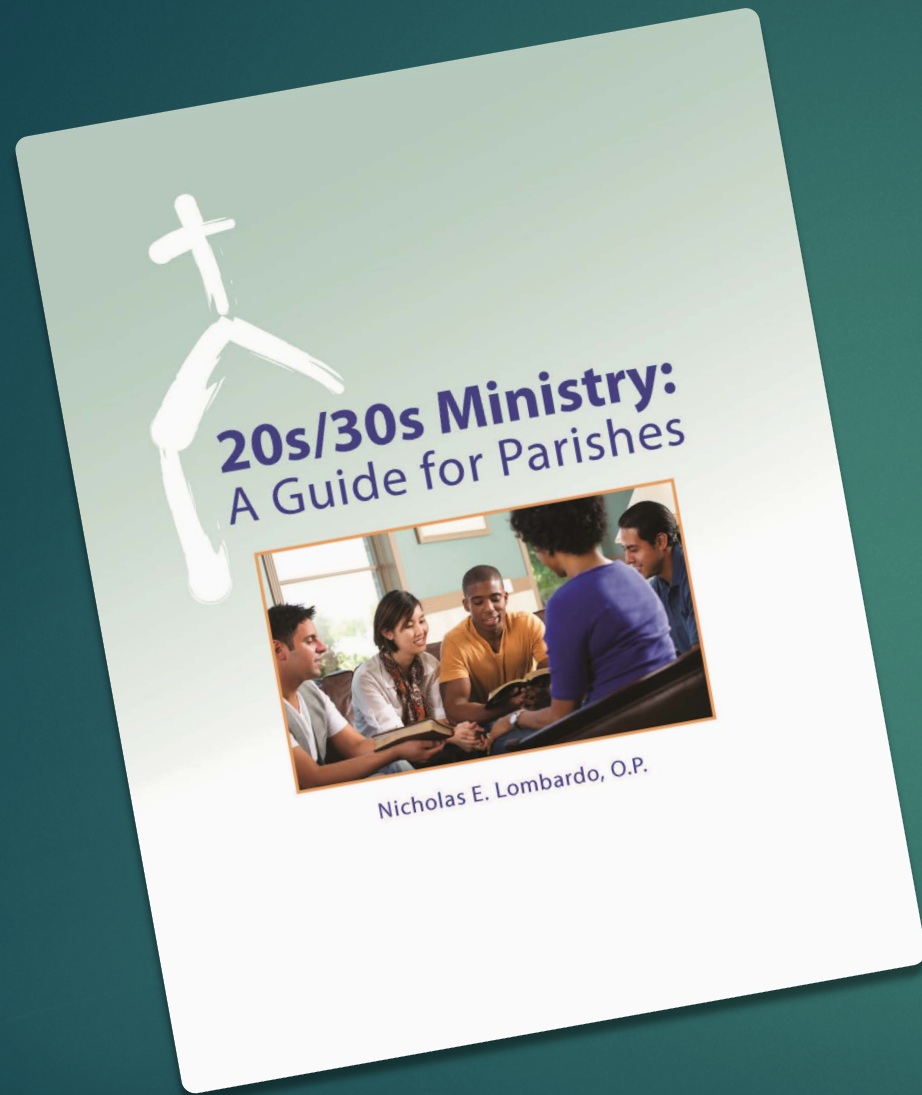




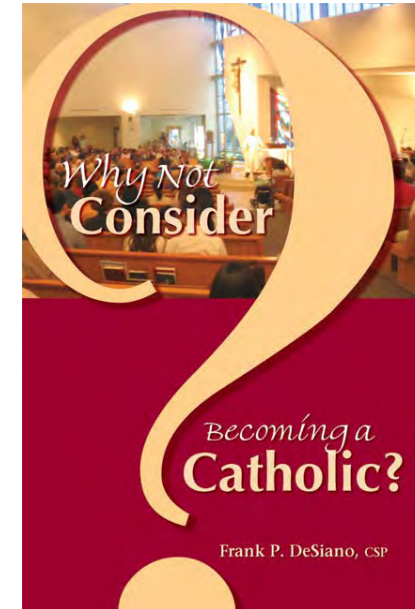
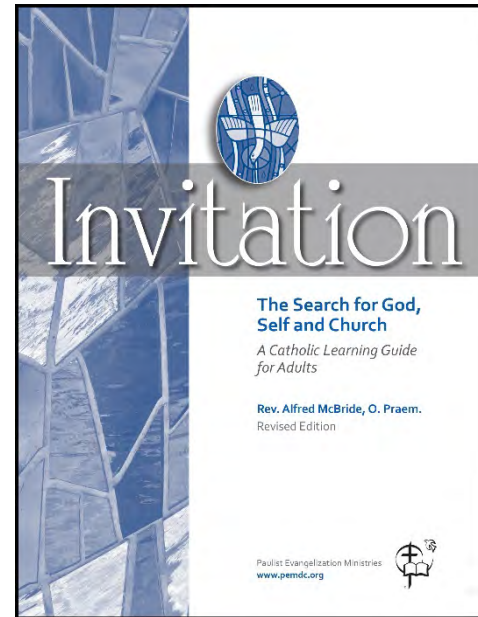
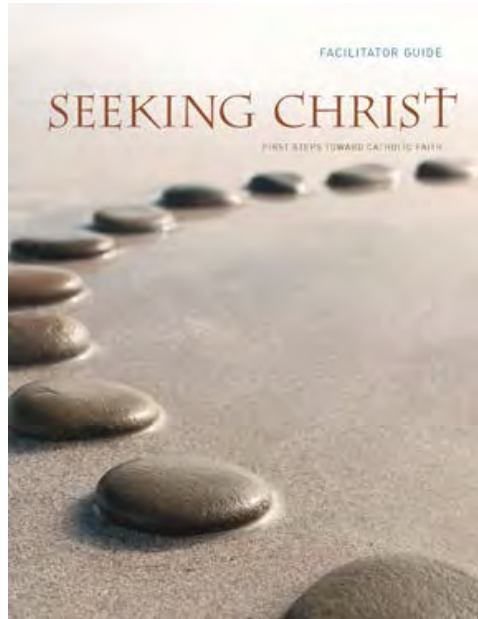
The Journey/El Camino

- ▶ A comprehensive program
- ▶ In three parts, each with six sessions
- ▶ Helping Catholics (and others) deepen a sense of personal encounter and conversion
- ▶ Using elements of Lectio Divina (Scripture, Sharing, Video, Prayer)
- ▶ In English and Spanish



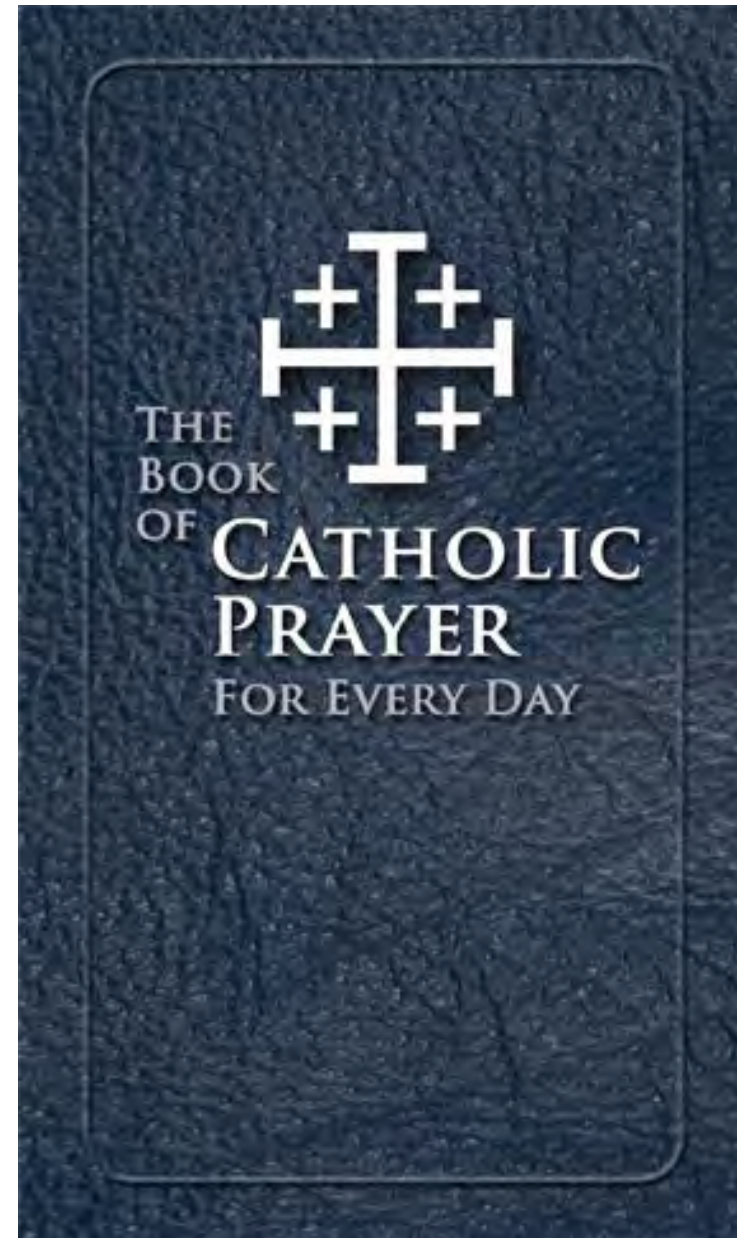


Young Adults



RCIA

Parishioner's Prayer



Video on all PEM Resources

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Resources You Have

- ▶ The Holy Spirit
- ▶ Support from Pastor/pastoral staff
- ▶ Support from Diocesan Office
- ▶ Support from Paulist Evangelization Ministries
- ▶ Support from your parishioners



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