BECOMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES
Our deepest hungers are not for food and drink, not for amusements and recreations, not for property and wardrobes, not for notoriety and gossip. We hunger for truth, we thirst to drink beauty, we yearn to celebrate, we stretch out to love and be loved. This is why anything less than everything is not enough.

- Father Thomas Dubay
(December 30, 1921 – September 26, 2010), S.M., was an American Catholic priest, author, and retreat director.
• Has a personal and a living relationship with Jesus Christ (communion: remain in me (Jn. 15,4) a deep, intimate and union in covenant with God)
• Has an open heart to the gifts of the Holy Spirit
• Has a daily prayer life

• Has a real experience of a Christian community and belongs to one group of faith
• Has listening skills, knows the art of connection (Follow the steps, ask for help when needed, etc.).
• Has empathy and interest in others' situations

• Commits to Sunday Eucharist and celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation
• Has experience of prayer with the Scripture (Lectio Divina)
• Can and does share faith with others
• Spends time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

• Serves in ministry
• Engages actively in the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy

• Sees life as a mission field
• Seeks out and announces the Good News of the Gospel to everyone, with humility and simplicity, especially to those on the margins, those who are rejected by the world.

• Has knowledge and love of the Scriptures in canonical approach
• Knows basic Catholic Theology

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The churches in traditionally Christian countries, for example, involved as they are in the challenging task of the new evangelization, are coming to understand more clearly that they cannot be missionaries to non-Christians in other countries and continents unless they are seriously concerned about the authenticity of their own Christian identity.

**MISSIONARY ACTIVITY**

Peoples, groups, and socio-cultural contexts in which Christ and his Gospel are not known

**RE-EVANGELIZATION**

Groups of the baptized that have lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church, and live a life far removed from Christ and his Gospel

**LIVING WITNESSES**

Christian communities that are fervent in their faith and in Christian living. They bear witness to the Gospel in their surroundings and have a sense of commitment to the universal mission. People today put more trust in witnesses than in teachers, in experience than in teaching, and in life and action than in theories.
As disciples of our Lord it is necessary to begin a time of training for those that are part of the parish: a time of formation in prayer, in discipleship and mission. Everyone in the parish by our Baptism: parishioner, parish staff, deacons and priests are a part of this journey.

**YEAR 1-2**
Time to renew our prayer lives by establishing and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ and His Holy Church

- **Vision**
- **Forming teams**
- **Prayer**
- **Liturgy**

**YEAR 3-4**
Learning how to become more comfortable with spreading the Good News to others including our families and friends

- **Vision**
- **Prayer**
- **Liturgy**
- **Small groups around the person of Jesus**
- **Formation in discipleship**
- **Formation in Discipleship Mission**
- **Service**

**YEAR 4**
Realizing a level of discipleship that helps us to reach out further beyond ourselves to places they may not be familiar/easy.

**LIVING WITNESSES**
BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE

- Works of Mercy
- RCIA
- Pre-Sacraments Formation
- Parish Welcoming Reception
- Sacraments
- Sunday Mass
- Others…
MAIN COMPONENTS OF OUR VISION

- Encountering Christ
- Becoming Missionary Disciples
- Experiencing the Joy of Sharing the Gospel
SIX GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED

1. Offer multiple opportunities for people to encounter Christ
2. Increase Mass attendance.
3. Increase daily prayer among all members of our parish communities
4. Enhance participation in parish life/religious education at all levels of faith formation
5. Attract and support inactive Catholics
6. Invite and welcome seekers
We accomplish this by:

- Providing various methods to meet the risen Christ
- Developing Parish Evangelization spirit. Letting the Evangelization inspire all pastoral work.
- Providing specialized training and formation for clergy and parish leadership, catechists, and parishioners
- Forming small groups
- Doing whatever we can to draw people to the Mass and the Sacraments
- Enhancing all programs of faith formation and education
WHAT WE ARE ALREADY DOING

Leadership and team development under Evangelization and Faith Formation:

- 20+ teams from the diocese will attend Amazing Parish: Every pastor needs a leadership team, a special group of people who are collectively committed to helping him make the parish amazing and bring more people to Christ and His Church.

- Clergy study days will feature Fr. James Mallon of Divine Renovation whose work dovetails with that of Amazing Parish, fostering organizational health and effective leadership teams at the service of parish renewal and evangelization.

- Collaborating with Catholic Schools to provide Formation experiences (4x) this coming year, focused on Kerygma (Initial Proclamation), Recognizing Christ and Discerning Charisms and Call (Called and Gifted)
TRAININGS OR CONFERENCES FOR:

• ALPHA

• DISCOVERING, FOLLOWING, SHARING CHRIST
  (Christlife, Baltimore)

• CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
  (small group, spiritual multiplication model)

• DYNAMIC PARISH
  (Dynamic Catholic Pilot Program)

• AND MORE...
The Diocese, with its parishes and schools, will act to fulfill its Mission and Vision by promoting a personal relationship with Jesus and the celebration of the sacraments resulting in increased mass participation, expanding the number of Catholics actively participating in faith formation and increasing the number of Catholic youth and young adults active in the church.