

FORMING DISCIPLES... BY OUR COMMUNITY LIFE...



In Luke's Gospel (and in Acts), the followers of Jesus are said to be on the Way. Faith is a journey, not a destination—and it is a journey that we take with others. What does this journey look like? RCIA 75.2 tells us that by being in Christian community we “learn to turn more readily to God in prayer, to bear witness to the faith, in all things to keep [our] hopes set on Christ, to follow supernatural inspiration in [our] deeds, and to practice love of neighbor, even at the cost of self-renunciation.” We learn to be Christians by sharing community life with other Christians, from their example of discipleship. From their stories. It's a journey that takes a lifetime.¹

3 Questions

Who have been examples of the Christian life for us, individually and in the history of our parish? Who would we hold up as examples now, in our families and our parish? Why?

In what ways are we a welcoming and inviting community? What are we doing to build relationships in our parish? What can we do to be more attractive to others, to invite them to journey with us?

How do we help one another (as individuals and as families) grow in prayer, in witness, in hope, in openness to the Spirit, in love of neighbor? How do we tell our stories?

Resources

Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*, revised edition. USCCB, 2007.

Stephen Bullivant, et al., *Why Catholics Leave, What They Miss, and How They Might Return*. Paulist Press, 2019.

Mary Ann Gubish and Susan Jenny, SC, *Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council*. Paulist, 2001.

Diana Macalintal and Nick Wagner, *Joined by the Church, Sealed by a Blessing: Couples and Communities Called to Conversion Together*. Liturgical Press, 2014.

Paul Turner and Katie Ferrell, *Guide for Ushers and Greeters*. LTP, 2008.

Other resources may be found on our Vision 2020 website:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/evangelization-resources>

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¹Diana Macalintal, *Your Parish is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community* (Liturgical Press, 2018), 77-8.