



JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Thresholds of Conversion

Initial Trust • John 4:29

- Is able to trust or has a positive association with Jesus Christ, the Church, a Christian believer, or something identifiably Christian.

Spiritual Curiosity • Luke 19: 2-4

- Is intrigued by or desires to know more about Jesus, His life, and His teachings or some aspect of the Christian faith.

Spiritual Openness • John 9:36

- Has acknowledged to himself/herself and to God that he/she is open to the possibility of personal and spiritual change.

Spiritual Seeking • Jeremiah 29:13; Acts 17:27

- Is moving from being essentially passive to actively seeking to know the God who is calling him/her.
- Is engaged in an urgent spiritual quest, seeking to know whether he/she can commit to Christ and His Church.

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Beginning Disciple • Acts 2:37-38; CCC* 1427; CCC 1

- Has a favorable change of attitude towards Jesus Christ and the Church He established.
- Has a change of attitude towards sin and turns away from it.
- Has made a verbal profession of commitment to Jesus Christ to others.
- Has a desire to grow spiritually.
- Has received the sacraments of initiation or has gone to Confession if already a Catholic.

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Growing Disciple • James 1:19-25; CCC 1694

- Has developed a heart for God that motivates his or her attitudes and actions.
- Is willing to make any sacrifice to grow, even change his or her schedule.
- Is committed to chastity, sobriety, and excellence in their state of life.
- Is consistent in continually growing in the basic habits of the Christian life: reads scripture, receives the sacraments, builds character through the virtues, accepts suffering, practices the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, is open to the Holy Spirit.

Commissioned Disciple • Matthew 28:18-20; CCC 905

- Has decided to answer the call to take an active part in the mission of the Church.
- Is actively striving to win people over to Jesus and His mission, to equip them and to send them out to do the same (John 15:8).
- Has regular participation in personal prayer and sacramental life of the Church; fulfills vocational commitments; leads a life of evangelization and discipleship; lives an influential life of faith in the parish, community, and workplace.

Disciple Maker • 1 Thessalonians 2:8; CCC 1816; 2 Timothy 2:2; CCC 3

- Has led someone to commit his or her life to Jesus Christ and His mission and is helping them engage in the work of evangelization, discipling, and friendships through a mentoring relationship.
- Has developed a heart for God's people and is willing to make any sacrifice to help another grow, even change his or her schedule (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
- Is making life decisions (vocation, location, relationships, etc.) based upon how he or she can most effectively fulfill the Great Commission.
- Has been the major influence in helping others become disciple makers (has produced a strong third generation).
- Has been taught and equipped to remain active in lifelong Catholic mission.

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