

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is **Rediscover**?:

A: Rediscover: is an invitation to find meaning and purpose in life, a sense of belonging, inner peace and strength, and true freedom through the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith.

Rediscover: supports outreach to Catholics, provides formation opportunities to deepen our faith and will become part of who we are as a local Church through ongoing outreach and formation opportunities. **Rediscover:** complements the good work already being done in parishes throughout this Archdiocese.

Q: Why is the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis doing this?

A: As Christian disciples, we are called to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” There is great opportunity to cast the net deeply among those who identify as Catholic but who may not be engaging fully in the life of the Church. We know that those who experience an encounter with Jesus Christ, the only Son of the living God, are changed forever.

Making Jesus Christ and His Church known and loved is our mission. Everything we do ultimately serves this mission. The fundamental objective of all the initiatives and changes set forth in the Archdiocese’s 2010 Strategic Plan is to help this local Church best live out our mission. From ongoing evaluation and greater accountability to intentional collaboration and increased transparency; from initiatives promoting and growing Catholic schools to engaging youth and young adults to helping parishes sustain and grow – all the initiatives are ultimately aimed at growing and deepening the faith in this local Church.

As outlined in the Strategic Plan, planning has been under way for some time to launch an initiative for pre-evangelization, evangelization and catechesis. Now, beginning in this Year of Faith, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is embarking on a journey to joyfully invite and welcome our fellow Catholics into greater communion with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Q: Who is the audience for **Rediscover**?:

A: Even though Rediscover has much to offer all, our primary audience is Catholics who have drifted away from the Church, along with those who want to bring them back home.

Q: How has **Rediscover** been developed?

A: Rediscover: is the result of work by lay community volunteers and clergy, along with parish, school and archdiocesan staff. **Rediscover:** grew out of Pope John Paul II’s invitation to join in the “New Evangelization” and Pope Benedict XVI’s apostolic letter *Porta Fidei* and has been blessed to have access to research from various Catholic organizations.

Q: How is this initiative different from the previous Evangelization Initiative launched in 2004?

A: We have reviewed the good work done by the many people throughout this Archdiocese who worked on the earlier initiative and have benefited from their wisdom in the development of **Rediscover:**. This initiative is focused both on developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a love for His Church along with outreach tools and events to help those who know and love Jesus Christ and His Church share their faith through word and witness.

Q: Are there other recommended books as part of the **Rediscover: Catholic Book Club**?

A: Additional book recommendations and discussion guide support will be available on the **Rediscover Program Support** page at **Rediscover-faith.org** beginning in the spring of 2013. Just click on the **Rediscover Program Support** button at the bottom right side of the home page. It is recommended that parishes start with **Rediscover Catholicism**.

Q: How is the Archdiocese covering the costs of all of the Rediscover program elements?

A: A substantial portion of costs are being covered through the generous support of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese. The free distribution of nearly 180,000 copies of the book **Rediscover Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly, our new website and app, and the brochures and signage we've developed have all been made possible by Catholics who care deeply about the mission of the Church and enhancing opportunities to live out this mission more deeply here in this local Church. If you would like to find out more about opportunities for supporting **Rediscover:** please call Michael Halloran, director of the Archdiocese's Office of Development and Stewardship, at 651-290-1649 or halloranm@archspm.org.

Q: What other resources will be helpful to me as a Rediscover Leader?

A: We recommend reading Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic letter **Porta Fidei**, the documents **Disciples Called to Witness** and **Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States** from the USCCB, as well as Archbishop Nienstedt's pastoral letter on the New Evangelization in this local Church, **I believed, therefore I spoke**. You can find these documents as well as other helpful resources on the **Rediscover Program Support** page at **Rediscover-faith.org**. The Archbishop's pastoral letter is also included in this toolkit (see Tab 8).