

*Go, and make  
disciples of all nations.*



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Equipping Parishes to Form Lay Apostles



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## Making Disciples

Training in fostering the awakening of faith and intentional discipleship.

## Would you like to see:

- Your parish filled with enthusiastic worshippers?
- Lapsed Catholics returning to the practice of faith?
- An increase in donations?
- Parents actively passing on the faith to their children?
- Faith formation classes filled with eager participants?
- New ministry leaders?
- A vibrant, life-changing RCIA process?
- More priestly and religious vocations?



## Of course you would. But how do you make it happen?

Disciples, leaders and vocations flow out of a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ in the midst of his church.

The Pharisee, Saul, had a life-changing personal encounter with the ascended Jesus on the road to Damascus. Jesus called Saul's actions into question, identified Himself with the Christian community, and gave Saul a command. Because Saul chose to obey, he became Jesus' disciple, Paul. His whole being was converted, he discovered his vocation, and the world was forever changed. The Pauline year announced by Pope Benedict XVI is a graced moment to invite people to the same kind of conversion and intimate relationship with Jesus which led St. Paul to exclaim, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me..." (Gal. 2:20)

The non-negotiable foundation for Christian maturity and vocation today is, as it was for St. Paul, intentional discipleship.

Two keys to intentional discipleship are often missing in Catholic catechesis: pre-evangelization and the initial proclamation of Christ that invites a deliberate and personal response.

## Making Disciples will help you:

Understand how intentional discipleship is the normative source of spiritual life and the foundation of all pastoral ministry.

Understand why discipleship must precede catechesis and how life-changing catechesis builds on discipleship.

Learn how to listen for and recognize pre-discipleship stages of spiritual growth.

Learn how to facilitate the spiritual growth of those, baptized or not, who are not yet disciples.

Discover ways of articulating the basic gospel message that awakens initial faith in a gentle and non-threatening way.

Understand how different charisms (spiritual gifts) can be used in evangelization.

Explore how to use these skills in your own ministry, as well as how to share these skills with other disciples.

Prayerfully reflect on your own journey of discipleship.

*"This was a life-changing experience for me. I don't think I have ever gone through a program where I have taken back so much."*

*"The concept of intentional discipleship is absolutely exciting! The team did a great job presenting, explaining, equipping, motivating and modeling it. I will never forget this five day experience. It has changed my life!"*

All quotations from Making Disciples participants.