

CHECKLIST

When we can say YES to these three questions as individuals, as families and as parish communities – then we are The Church Evangelizing!

- Do we know, live and share our FAITH?
- Is an essential activity in our lives WORSHIP?
- Do we offer a credible, coherent and authentic WITNESS as individuals and a faith community?

The New Evangelization invites us to enrich our **faith**, enliven our **worship** and more authentically **witness**. We are called to be intentional disciples ever so closely following Christ by doing for others what He has done for us ever so tenderly, humbly, sincerely.

This list of questions for evaluating our evangelizing efforts may be utilized by both individuals and parishes.

1. Is our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist the most important event of our week? Do we prepare by studying the readings, fasting and allowing time to enter in to the sacred mystery peacefully. Does each member of the assembly consciously, fully and actively participate?
2. Is our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist being constantly reinvigorated? Are we reverent? Does the music lift hearts and minds to God? Is the Sunday liturgy carried out with reverence and grace? Does the preaching teach, engage, challenge, and lead people to an encounter with the Eucharistic Christ? Do we respect silence in the sanctuary after Mass so people can continue to pray?
3. Is our Sunday Eucharist a place of genuine welcome? Are persons with special needs accommodated? Are all parishioners aware of their vocation to be hospitable? How inviting is our parish in everything it says and does? Do we connect immediately with unfamiliar faces?
4. The Sacraments are real encounters with Christ. How does the way I/we celebrate the sacraments draw others closer to Jesus?
5. Does my personal devotional life enable us to enter more deeply into the mysteries of our faith?
7. Do I/we joyfully embrace and authentically live the Church's moral and social teaching?
8. Do I/we continually study scripture and our tradition, both individually and in groups so as to know and understand our Catholic faith? Do we seek out the best resources for faith formation? Does our parish utilize online faith formation processes and resources?

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9. Do I/we see God as the primary agent of evangelization? Does our approach include openness to God, prayer, a spirit of renewal and demonstrate our belief that it is God and not simply our efforts that evangelizes?
10. Do I/we see evangelization as everyone's responsibility? Is each and every member of the Church evangelizing albeit in it their own model or style?
11. Do we communicate God's love? Do those we relate to experience us as warm, joyful and compassionate people?
12. How are we serving the least, the lost, the lonely in our parish, in our neighborhoods and in the global community? Is our parish a place of effective care and responsive concern?
13. Do we respect and honor cultural and racial diversity? Are we open to the languages and cultural heritages of others, so as to grow in knowledge and appreciation?
14. How are we using media today? How are we making effective use of methods of communication, whether television, movies, radio, newspapers, magazines, bulletins, CDs, audio or video downloads, Facebook or Twitter?
15. Is our approach ecumenical? Have we taken the time to discover and celebrate what we share in common with all Christians? In what ways have we helped to build cooperative ventures between faith groups: weeks of prayer for Christian unity, pulpit exchange programs, ecumenical prayer groups, study groups, and projects to alleviate human suffering near and far?
16. Finally, do others recognize we are followers of Jesus? What do we as individuals or as a parish community convey to the unchurched or to Catholics who are away from the Church?
17. Do we seek our own spiritual conversion and formation on a regular basis?
18. Do we feel comfortable sharing our faith with others and to others explicitly about our relationship with Jesus Christ?