

# New Evangelization Parish Reflection Questions

Diocesan and parish leadership are encouraged to reflect on the following questions:

1. Can you describe the difference Christ has made in your life?
2. What would attract someone to your parish?
3. Where are your people? - Go to them!
4. Where are the wounded, poor, and marginalized in your community?

- How does the parish community provide people with opportunities for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ?
- In addition to offering sound catechetical instruction in the teachings of the Church, to what extent do faith formation programs have as an objective fostering a personal relationship with Christ?
- What does the parish do to help people deepen their prayer life?
- How has the parish recruited, formed and supported persons to be evangelizers through the witness of their lives?
- How are pastors fostering the consciousness of the laity to be evangelizers in the modern world?
- How do parishes engage people during “teachable moments,” such as Baptisms, weddings, and funerals?
- Are there faith formation programs on how to pass down the faith for parents, grandparents and godparents?
- Are there formation programs for adolescents and young adults on how to share their faith with others in college and in the work place?
- How are people supported in their vocation to evangelize?
- How does the parish present itself on the internet and social media? Updated website?
- What parish-based pastoral programs support people in their everyday lives? Are there programs for the (single), newly married, new parents, divorced, grieving, and unemployed?
- Where are the wounded, poor, and marginalized in our community? And how are we reaching out to them?

Adapted from source:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/disciples-called-to-witness/parish-reflection-questions>.

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