



Fishing for Souls and Feeding the Flock

Mission and Evangelisation in the Diocese of Armidale Foundations 2023

“I dream of a ‘missionary option’... capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, time and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation”

(Pope Francis: Evangelii Gaudium 27)



The Great Commission

Our Intents:

Be authentic Witnesses
(sharing with others
what Jesus has done for
the world and for us
and letting our light shine)

Be bold and creative in seeking opportunities to break down barriers, build relationships and plant seeds with all people, then allowing God to make them grow

Develop the understanding that evangelisation is the vocation of all baptised faithful

Be bold and active in inviting those we befriend to an encounter into discipleship with Christ and to aid them in discernment. Look for a little flame, blow on it and it will ignite

Proclaim the Gospel

Starting with the Kerygma seek broad, creative ways to proclaim the Gospel

Catechise (or teach) using central Gospel messages (e.g., 'Be not afraid', 'Come to me', 'Love one another')

Be joyful, original and aspire to the 'Universal Call to Holiness' – these will attract

Be anchored in Prayer

Develop regular and broadly promoted prayer initiatives to remain actively open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our mission and evangelisation initiatives

The Great Commission—Scripture references



Matt 28:16-20

Meanwhile the eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Mark 16:14-16

Lastly, he showed himself to the Eleven themselves while they were at table. He reproached them for their incredulity and obstinacy, because they had refused to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. And he said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.'

Luke 24:46-49

And he said to them, 'So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending upon you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city, then, until you are clothed with power from on high.'

John 20:19-23

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and, after saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.'



Mission & Evangelisation as a continual journey

Our Intents:

Pre-evangelisation and Evangelisation and New Evangelisation

Acknowledge that pre-evangelisation is a necessary element, being careful not to dismiss or rush the interpersonal/social facet of human nature and allow time for a response after placing a call or invitation. Develop small acts of kindness which build trust

Ensure that mission and evangelisation initiatives and content are fit for a broad range of audiences and are real and tangible

Recognise the need for all Catholics to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church by focussing on the continual feeding of those who are already committed with an invitation to go deeper

Give clear, consistent, and detailed messaging

Develop a clear and common definition, vision and language around our mission and evangelisation initiatives

Adopt and commit to a unified, community approach to mission and evangelisation initiatives across the Diocese modelled on Christ's own actions and those of his first evangelists, the Apostles

Engage in understanding local cultures and the implications these may have for applying the culture of the Gospel



Mission & Evangelisation as a continual journey —Scripture references

Matt 5:13-16

'You are salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled under people's feet. You are a light for the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.'

Luke 10:1-6

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself would be visiting. And he said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to do his harvesting. Start off now, but look, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Take no purse with you, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you.'

Luke 10:17-20

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Look, I have given you power to tread down serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven.'

Luke 24:44-49

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, was destined to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending upon you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city, then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Acts 2:37-42

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'What are we to do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered, 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God is calling to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many other arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. These remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.



Being Intentional Disciples

Our Intents:

Identify and form
'champions'
/'advocates'

Recognise organic mission and evangelisation initiatives already happening in our parishes and engage those involved to be champions and advocates in sharing experiences and ideas

Engage in works of
mercy

As disciples of Jesus living and witnessing in our communities we support those in need through charitable outreach and social engagement

Support, strengthen
and review

Be responsive to the working of the Holy Spirit with an attitude of encouragement and openness

Strive to provide valuable resources and ongoing support to parishes

Review regularly – stop and ask questions along the way

Being Intentional Disciples—Scripture references



John 14:12

In all truth I tell you, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, and will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.

Acts 2:42

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Matt 28:18-20

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’

2 Timothy 1:15

I also remember your sincere faith, a faith which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure dwells also in you.

Matt 25:31-38

When the Son of man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All nations will be assembled before him and he will separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the upright will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.”

PAPAL DOCUMENTS

Lumen Gentium:

Pope Paul VI, 21st November, 1964

Evangelii Nuntiandi:

Pope Paul VI, 8th December, 1975

Evangelii Gaudium:

Pope Francis, 24th November, 2013

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH RESOURCES

Go Make Disciples: Archdiocese of Sydney

What is Evangelisation: National Centre for Evangelisation,
Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference

Fishing for Souls ●————●

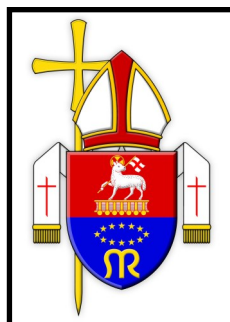
Luke 5:8-11

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely awestruck at the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will be catching.' Then, bringing their boats back to land they left everything and followed him.

●.....● **Feeding the Flock**

John 21:15-17

When they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do? He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt that he had asked him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'



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