



# Parish Renewal Guide Training

Foundations Training Session 1

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

## **Divine Renovation's Mission is:**

To inspire, connect, and equip parishes to be missional and, through them, bring people to Jesus.

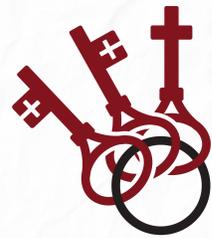
## **Divine Renovation's Vision is:**

That every Catholic parish in the world be missional.

*By God's grace and the work and support of many, we have a goal of helping 33,000 parishes become missional by 2033!*

## **Three Keys to Parish Renewal:**

These are principles that, when applied, disproportionately unlock a parish in moving from maintenance to mission. These principles are not a prescriptive, silver-bullet solution to a parish's problems. They outline paths through which we've seen God act and move in fruitful ways in the parish. They can help a parish be a place where people can have their lives transformed by entering into a relationship with Jesus and the sacramental life of his Church.



### **Key 1: The Power of the Holy Spirit**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, transformative renewal happens, and parishes come to life. This is not just relying on the Holy Spirit or waiting on the Holy Spirit but experiencing expectantly that supernatural power through which more will be possible than through human power alone. At Pentecost, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the apostles were driven from the upper room to go out, empowered for mission.

### **Key 2: The Primacy of Evangelization**

When evangelization is the focus and people encounter Jesus, parishes grow. Evangelization needs to be first, in principle and in process. It needs to be a priority. Outside of the Eucharist, if you can only do one thing, it needs to be evangelization.

### **Key 3: The Best of Leadership**

When parish leaders serve out of the best leadership principles, parishes thrive. Leading by office or position of authority doesn't really work. Jesus taught and modeled servant leadership, about leading through serving and loving others.

### **The Key Ring: The Celebration of the Eucharist – The Sunday Experience**

Hymns, Hospitality & Homilies: We need to do music well; work on our preaching and make our parishes places that are highly welcoming.



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### Stages of Parish Renewal



**STAGE 1**

**Onlookers**

Priests and parish leaders looking from a distance with cautious optimism.

**STAGE 2**

**On the Shore**

Priests and parish leaders inspired by the transformation of other parishes and slowly being equipped through DR's resources and events.

**STAGE 3**

**Casting Off**

Parishes that have made the decision to give parish renewal a go. They have yet to figure out everything but have nonetheless decided that this is a journey they want to take.

**STAGE 4**

**Raising the Sails**

Parishes put together the various elements needed to enable mission. They experience pushback and chaos but are also inspired by the early fruits they're seeing.

**STAGE 5**

**Sailing the Waves**

Parishes empowered by the Holy Spirit, equipped with the best of leadership principles, prioritizing evangelization and making new disciples.

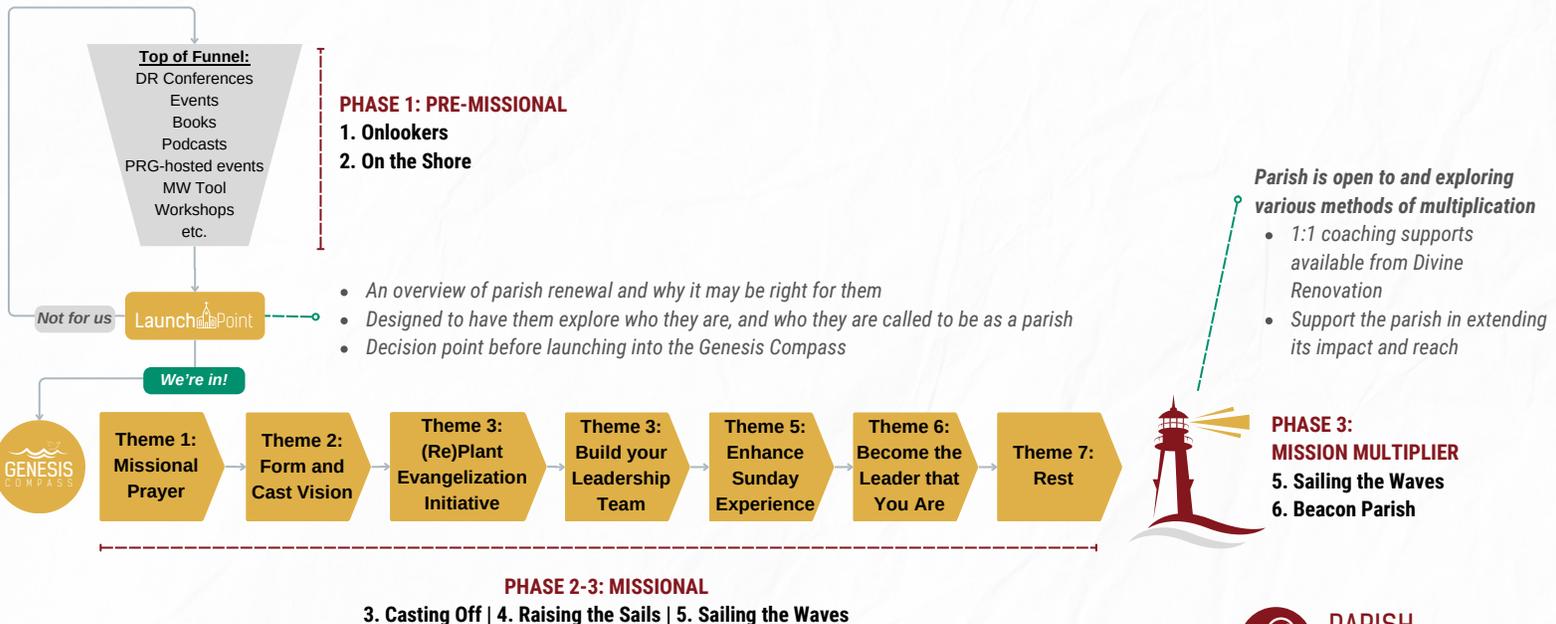
**STAGE 6**

**Beacon Parishes**

Parishes that have gone through the parish renewal journey well and are guiding other parishes.

### Divine Renovation Accompaniment Journey

What does a parish's journey with Divine Renovation look like?





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Using the creation narrative as a guide, the Genesis Compass is a tool that lays out the critical steps necessary for parish renewal. In this tool, each theme consists of a multi-session program led by a facilitator, the Parish Renewal Guide.

### The First Day: "Without Form & Void"

- Missional Prayer

### The Second Day: Separate Sky From Water, Day, Night

- Form & Cast Vision

### The Third Day: Land & Seas. "Let the Land Produce Vegetation"

- (Re)Plant Evangelization Initiative

### The Fourth Day: Sun, Moon, & Stars Govern the Day & Night

- Build Your Leadership Team

### The Fifth Day: Abundant & Diverse Creatures

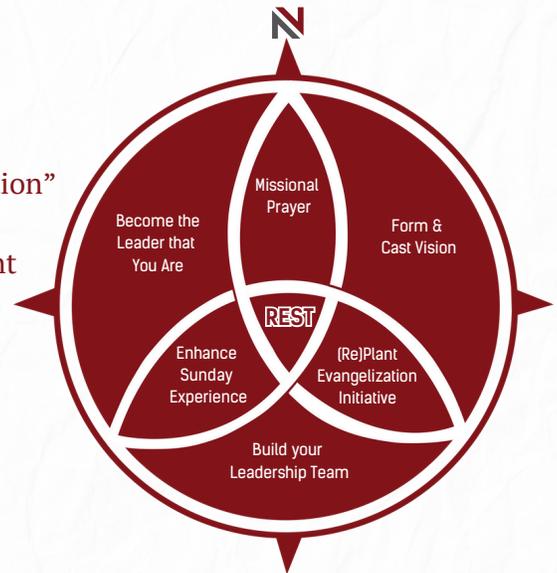
- Enhance the Sunday Experience

### The Sixth Day: Humans in His Image & Likeness

- Become the Leader That You Are

### The Seventh Day: "Rested From All His Work"

- Rest



## Launch Point

INSPIRE - EXPLORE - DISCERN & DECIDE

Launch Point inspires a priest and his team to dream big and envision a thriving, mission-driven parish. Launch Point names the reality of parish decline, helps a team recognize their place in that reality and explore a pathway forward. This group experience helps a priest and his team to discern whether renewal is a journey they want to take.

## Missional Waypoint TOOL

The Missional Waypoint Tool is an assessment developed by Divine Renovation that parishes can take which measures missional posture. This free, online tool will allow a parish to answer a series of questions that identify the parish's current level of health. This tool will also allow parish leaders to assess their journey through renewal by retaking the assessment over a number of years.

