

MISSIONARY HUB

COMPANION & GUIDEBOOK



Church of St. Isidore, Quakertown



The Catholic Church
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The Missionary Hub at St. Isidore

is a regional ministry of the Catholic Church of Philadelphia that accompanies people toward deeper life in Christ.

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SECTION ONE

The Heart of the Mission



Welcome to the Mission!

It is with deep gratitude and joy that we begin this new chapter in the life of the Church at St. Isidore parish.

The Missionary Hub is not merely a new initiative — it is a movement of grace, a reawakening of the Church’s original call to go forth and bring Christ’s compassionate love to the world.

Our work is rooted in prayer and animated by the Holy Spirit.

Through listening, accompaniment, and collaboration, we seek to encounter others as Christ encounters us — with humility, mercy, and hope.

This handbook is offered as a guide for all who serve in this mission. May it help us remain centered on Christ, grounded in faith, and open to the surprising ways the Spirit will move among us.

Welcome to the mission!



Introduction

The Missionary Hub at the Church of St. Isidore is part of a renewed effort within the Catholic Church of Philadelphia to bring the presence of Christ more intentionally into the ordinary lives of people and communities. Each hub exists to serve as a living expression of the Church's missionary nature — uniting prayer, formation, and service in a shared effort to reach those near and far from the life of faith.

At its heart, the Missionary Hub embodies the Church's incarnational mission. Just as the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, so the Church continues Christ's work by entering into the realities of our world — its joys and sorrows, its struggles and hopes. Through this embodied presence, the Church listens, accompanies, and serves, revealing the compassion of God through the witness of ordinary lives transformed by grace.

In this way, the Hub seeks not only to announce the Gospel but to incarnate it — allowing the Good News to take root in local soil and culture. This process, known as inculturation, honors the uniqueness of every community while expressing the timeless truth of the Gospel. It invites the Church to be both faithful and creative, proclaiming Christ in ways that speak meaningfully to the people of our region: its communities, families, workplaces, schools, and parishes.

A Living Example of Inculturation: Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Teresa of Calcutta offers a powerful example of what it means to live the Gospel through inculturation. When she arrived in India, she recognized that to reach the hearts of the people, she must first become one with them. She set aside the habit of her European order and chose instead the simple sari of the Indian poor — a sign that she belonged to the people she served.

Her mission was not to impose faith, but to love — to meet others where they were, with tenderness and respect. She saw the face of Christ in every person, regardless of religion, race, or circumstance. Through her presence, compassion, and self-giving love, she made the Good News visible long before she spoke it.

For missionaries today, Saint Teresa's life reminds us that evangelization begins with encounter and takes root in relationship. To share Christ with others, we must first see them, listen to them, and love them as they are. True inculturation is not about adapting the Gospel to the world, but about allowing the Gospel to shine through our authentic humanity in the world we serve.



May her example inspire every missionary to approach others with humility and mercy, becoming a living sign of God's presence in the cultures and communities we are sent to serve.

"We cannot do great things, only small things with great love."

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Our Mission & Vision

Rooted in Christ and moved by the Holy Spirit, we go forth in confidence and humility to bring the Gospel to life in our region. The Missionary Hub exists not as a program but as a living expression of the Church’s missionary spirit — a community of disciples sent to serve, to listen, and to accompany others in faith and hope.

Our mission and vision give shape to this calling. They express who we are, what we hope to become, and how we respond to the needs of our time with faith, creativity, and compassion.

Our Mission

To awaken missionary discipleship throughout the region by uniting the Church’s pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries in a single, Spirit-led outreach that meets people where they are — within parishes and beyond.

Our Vision

To see every person encounter the living Christ and discover the joy of belonging to His Church. We envision vibrant, connected communities where the Gospel is lived and shared daily — in homes, towns, workplaces, and all the places where life unfolds.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8



Our Guiding Values

These guiding values shape how we live the mission, how we work together, and how we respond to people and situations as they unfold. They express a shared posture that helps us remain faithful, grounded, and attentive in our missionary work.

Encounter

Mission begins with encounter — with Christ and with one another. We seek to notice where God is already at work and to meet people where they truly are.

Trust

We value patience, presence, and consistency, allowing relationships to grow naturally and avoiding pressure to force outcomes or measure success too quickly.

Accompaniment

We practice attentive listening to God and to others, walking alongside people with compassion and respect rather than seeking to fix, manage, or control.

Collaboration

We work in partnership with parish leadership, staff, ministries, and collaborators in a spirit of trust and mutual respect, valuing clear roles, honest communication, and shared responsibility.

Prayer

Prayer grounds and sustains our mission. We return often to prayer for discernment, humility, and renewal, trusting the Holy Spirit to lead our work.

"I dream of a 'missionary option' — that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's ways of doing things can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."

— POPE FRANCIS

The Call to Missionary Discipleship

The Church exists to evangelize. From the earliest days after Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has moved the followers of Christ to go forth — to bring the love of God into every place and circumstance. This missionary impulse is not limited to a few; it belongs to the entire People of God. Every baptized person is called to share in Christ's mission through daily witness, prayer, and service.

Pope Francis reminds us that the Church must be a "community of missionary disciples" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 24). Missionary discipleship is not a special vocation but the essence of Christian life itself — a life that listens, accompanies, and reaches outward in love.

The Missionary Hubs are one way the Catholic Church of Philadelphia seeks to live this call more intentionally. Each hub provides formation, collaboration, and outreach so that parishes and communities may become centers of encounter — places where people can experience the joy of the Gospel and discover the living presence of Christ in their midst.

SECTION TWO

The Missionary Hub at St. Isidore, Quakertown

The Missionary Hub

Rooted in the Parish; Reaching into the Region

The Missionary Hub at St. Isidore is one of several hubs throughout the Catholic Church of Philadelphia formed to renew the missionary vitality of the Church. Each hub serves as a regional center that unites the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries of the Church, helping them work together to bring Christ's compassionate love to all people.

Rooted in the life of the parish and serving under the pastor, the hub works in collaboration with parish ministries while extending its mission beyond parish boundaries. Its reach includes neighboring parishes, schools, towns, and community spaces — wherever people live, work, and seek meaning.

The Missionary Hub exists to strengthen parish life, not to replace it. By fostering collaboration among

"Following the example of Jesus Christ, we are moving to encounter all of our brothers and sisters wherever they are. I want everyone to know that they are not alone and that they will always have a home in the Catholic Church."

ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ

parishes and ministries, the hub helps the Church respond to the needs of the region with creativity and compassion. Together, we integrate the Church's mission — pastoral, educational, and charitable — in ways that face outward toward a world in need of Christ's love.

Through prayer, listening, and partnership, the hub extends Christ's welcome to all: returning Catholics, those who have never known the Church, and seekers searching for God. Its purpose is to accompany people on their journey of faith, offering hospitality, healing, and connection to the life of the Church.

In short, the Missionary Hub exists to go out and bring people home to Christ — whether for the first time or the first time in a long time.

Our hope is to help ignite a missionary spirit throughout the Quakertown region, inspiring parishioners, neighbors, families, and whole communities to see themselves as part of a greater movement of compassion and hope.

Team Roles

Pastor

The pastor serves as the spiritual leader and shepherd of the hub, guiding the missionary work. In collaboration with the Hub Director and team, the pastor helps ensure that all efforts remain rooted in the Gospel and strengthen the life of the parish and local community.

Director

Oversees the operations, programs, and strategic vision of a missionary hub. The director leads the team, coordinates training initiatives, and acts as the primary liaison between the hub and parish staff.

Missionaries

Promote the mission of the Church through evangelization, community outreach, and spiritual formation. This role involves engaging with parishioners and the wider community to foster a relationship with Jesus Christ and encourage participation in the life of the Church.

Communications Manager

Manages communications, social media, and event promotion; shares stories of faith and mission to highlight the hub's impact in parishes and the wider community.

Service Coordinator

Manages and coordinates the efforts of volunteers. Ensures that volunteer programs align with gospel values, foster community engagement, and provide meaningful opportunities for individuals to contribute their time and talents.

Guiding Principles

Our work in the Missionary Hub is grounded in faith, shaped by prayer, and directed by the mission of the Church. These principles guide how we serve, collaborate, and represent the Church in our region.

Prayerful Presence

We begin and end our work in prayer, remaining attentive to the Holy Spirit who leads and sustains all mission. We draw our strength from the Sacraments, where Christ nourishes us and unites us to His saving work.

Collaboration and Communion

We work in unity with one another, with parish staff, leaders, volunteers, and with the Catholic Church of Philadelphia — recognizing that mission flourishes through shared vision and mutual respect. As many parts of one Body, we honor the diverse gifts of the Spirit and the unity that comes from Christ alone.

Compassionate Service

We meet people where they are, listening with empathy and responding with love. Every encounter is an opportunity to reveal Christ's mercy. With open arms, we welcome the prodigal and the lost sheep, trusting that God's grace restores and renews every heart.

Faithfulness and Grace

We seek to act with humility, honesty, and perseverance, allowing God's grace to perfect what we cannot. Rooted in prayer and trust, we rely not on our own strength but on the fidelity of God who calls and equips us for mission.

Creativity and Hope

We approach new challenges with openness and imagination, believing that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire fresh ways of reaching hearts and renewing communities. Hope enables us to see possibilities where others see obstacles and to trust that God is always bringing about something new.

A Shepherd's Call to Trust and Hope: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez calls the Church to a renewed spirit of trust and hope. In his 2025 pastoral letter, ***Trust and Hope***, he invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to move from maintenance to mission — to reawaken the joy of the Gospel and bring Christ's love into the ordinary rhythms of daily life. His message is one of listening, accompaniment, and bold faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

From this pastoral vision flows the creation of the Missionary Hubs — local centers of prayer, formation, and service that reach beyond parish boundaries to encounter those who feel distant from the Church. Rather than replacing parish life, the hubs strengthen it, fostering collaboration among ministries and communities so that the Church may face outward in compassion and hope.

Archbishop Pérez reminds us that the vitality of the Church is not found in structures but in relationships — in the grace that unfolds when we walk



together in Christ. His invitation is simple yet profound: to listen deeply, go courageously, and trust that God is already at work in every heart we meet.

“Never underestimate the power of the Spirit of God working in us, through us, and despite us.”

ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ

SECTION THREE

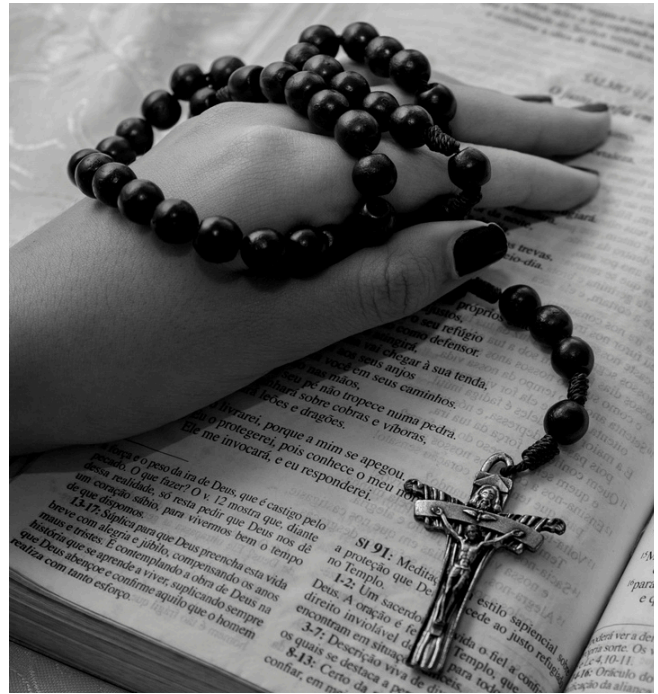
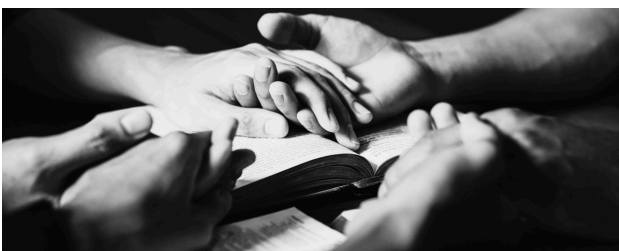
Living the Mission

The Spiritual Life of the Missionary Team

The work of the Missionary Hub begins and ends in prayer. Every effort, conversation, and act of service flows from a shared encounter with Christ. Our mission is not sustained by strategy or skill alone, but by the grace that comes from remaining close to Jesus — individually and together — in all things.

As a team, we are called to cultivate a deep spiritual life — one rooted in daily prayer and nourished by the Sacraments. Participation in the Eucharist, regular Reconciliation, and time spent in Adoration or quiet reflection strengthen us to serve with humility and joy. We draw our unity and perseverance from the same grace that unites us to Christ and to one another.

Together, we seek to listen for the voice of the Spirit who guides our work and our relationships. Through shared prayer, reflection, and mutual encouragement, we support one another's faith and help each other grow in love and holiness.



The spiritual life of the missionary team is also nourished through Scripture. In the Word of God, we encounter the living Christ, who speaks to our hearts and reveals where He is calling us to go. Prayerful listening allows us to recognize His presence in the people and situations we meet each day.

Living this way, the missionary team becomes a collective witness of hope — bringing Christ's light into workplaces, families, and communities. By staying rooted in prayer, guided by the Spirit, and open to grace, we allow Christ to work through us, making every ordinary moment a place of encounter and every act of love a sign of God's presence in the world.

Sharing Christ Through Encounter

Evangelization begins when love becomes visible

*“Go therefore
and make disciples of all nations . . . ”*

MATTHEW 28:19

The missionary life begins interiorly but never remains there. A heart transformed by prayer naturally overflows into love. Evangelization is that overflow — the visible expression of our inner communion with Christ. Through our presence, words, and compassion, we share the joy of His love.

Our prayer and unity as a team naturally lead us outward — into the world where Christ calls us to meet His people. Evangelization is not a program or a profession; it is the vocation of every baptized person. We evangelize when we bring Christ’s love into daily life — through listening, kindness, and mercy.

At its heart, evangelization is about encounter — meeting others with the awareness that Christ is already present and the Holy Spirit already at work. The missionary listens, accompanies, and brings hope wherever people live and struggle. Missionary work is not about convincing but about accompanying. When we walk beside others in humility and love, our joy becomes a living Gospel.

*“People listen more
willingly to
witnesses than to
teachers, and if
they do listen to
teachers, it is
because they are
witnesses.”*

POPE PAUL VI

Witnessing Through Love

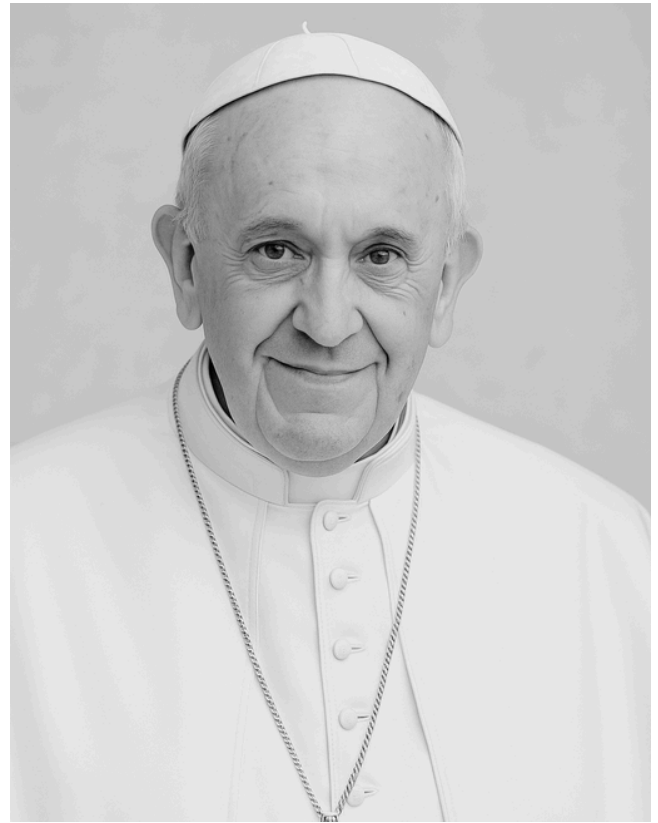
Saint Francis of Assisi is often credited with saying, *“Preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, use words.”* Authentic witness speaks louder than speech. By our gentleness, compassion, and willingness to serve, we help others recognize the Christ who is already near. Evangelization happens when our love becomes visible — when the Gospel is spoken through our actions more than our explanations.

Missionary Profile: Pope Francis and *The Joy of the Gospel*

When Pope Francis released *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) in 2013, he invited the whole Church to a renewed missionary spirit — one marked by joy, mercy, and encounter. Every baptized person, he wrote, is called to be “a missionary disciple,” sharing the love of Christ not as an obligation, but as the natural fruit of a heart transformed by God’s grace.

Francis envisions a Church that goes forth — one that leaves behind comfort and security to meet people where they are, especially those on the margins. He reminds us that evangelization is not about proselytizing, but about accompanying others, listening to their stories, and walking with them in love. Proselytizing seeks to convince; evangelization seeks to love. A missionary, he says, takes on “the smell of the sheep,” revealing Christ through humility, tenderness, and presence.

For Pope Francis, joy is the unmistakable sign of an evangelizing Church. The missionary’s task is to bring that joy into every place — homes, parishes, schools, and communities — wherever hearts long for hope. His vision calls us to go



forth courageously, to bear witness through compassion, and to trust that the Holy Spirit is already at work in every encounter.

“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.”

POPE FRANCIS

Community Collaboration

The joy we share in Christ naturally overflows into collaboration — uniting our gifts and voices in service of the Church’s mission.

The Missionary Hub exists to serve with the Church, not apart from it. Its role is to help parishes and communities share in the Church’s missionary call — reaching out with Christ’s love to those within and beyond our walls. Missionaries are not another layer of parish staff or leadership; they are companions who renew the Church’s life and mission through relationship, prayer, and service.

Missionaries act as bridges, connecting people, ministries, and organizations so that the Gospel can reach every corner of the community. Collaboration begins with relationship. Missionaries approach pastors, parish staff, and community leaders with humility and openness, recognizing that the Holy Spirit is already active in every place. Before acting, they **listen** — to people, their stories, and their needs — discerning where God’s grace is at work. From that listening flows the call to **connect**: to build trust, strengthen unity, and link people and ministries whose gifts complement one another.

Missionaries then **equip** others by sharing tools, resources, and encouragement that help parishes and partners flourish in their local mission. This may include offering formation, organizing shared events, or helping to revive or create ministries that meet local needs. In all things, the missionary seeks to form — to nurture the spiritual life of those they serve and to awaken the missionary spirit within every baptized person.

As hearts are formed and communities strengthened, the missionary extends the call to **invite** — welcoming others into relationship with Christ and His Church. This invitation is not a program or event, but an act of love that flows naturally from faith. To invite is to open a door: to offer belonging, healing, and the joy of discovering that the Church is a home for all. **This rhythm — Listen, Connect, Equip, Form, and Invite** — captures the heart of missionary collaboration. It reminds us that mission is not about control or programs, but about people: listening deeply, building relationships, empowering gifts, forming hearts, and extending the invitation to encounter Christ.

Collaboration also reaches beyond parish walls. The missionary spirit looks outward — to schools, nonprofits, social service agencies, and civic organizations that share Gospel values and a desire for the common good. Together, we make the Church’s presence visible in the everyday places where people live, work, and struggle. When faith communities and local partners unite in compassion, Christ’s light shines more brightly across our neighborhoods and towns.

The Evangelization Diamond

A Model of Missionary Growth

The Evangelization Diamond, developed by *The Evangelical Catholic* adapted and used with permission by the Catholic Church of Philadelphia (see page 18), illustrates the continuous movement of evangelization in the life of the Church. It shows how people grow in faith — moving from belief, to discipleship, to missionary discipleship, and finally outward into the world, where the cycle of faith begins again.

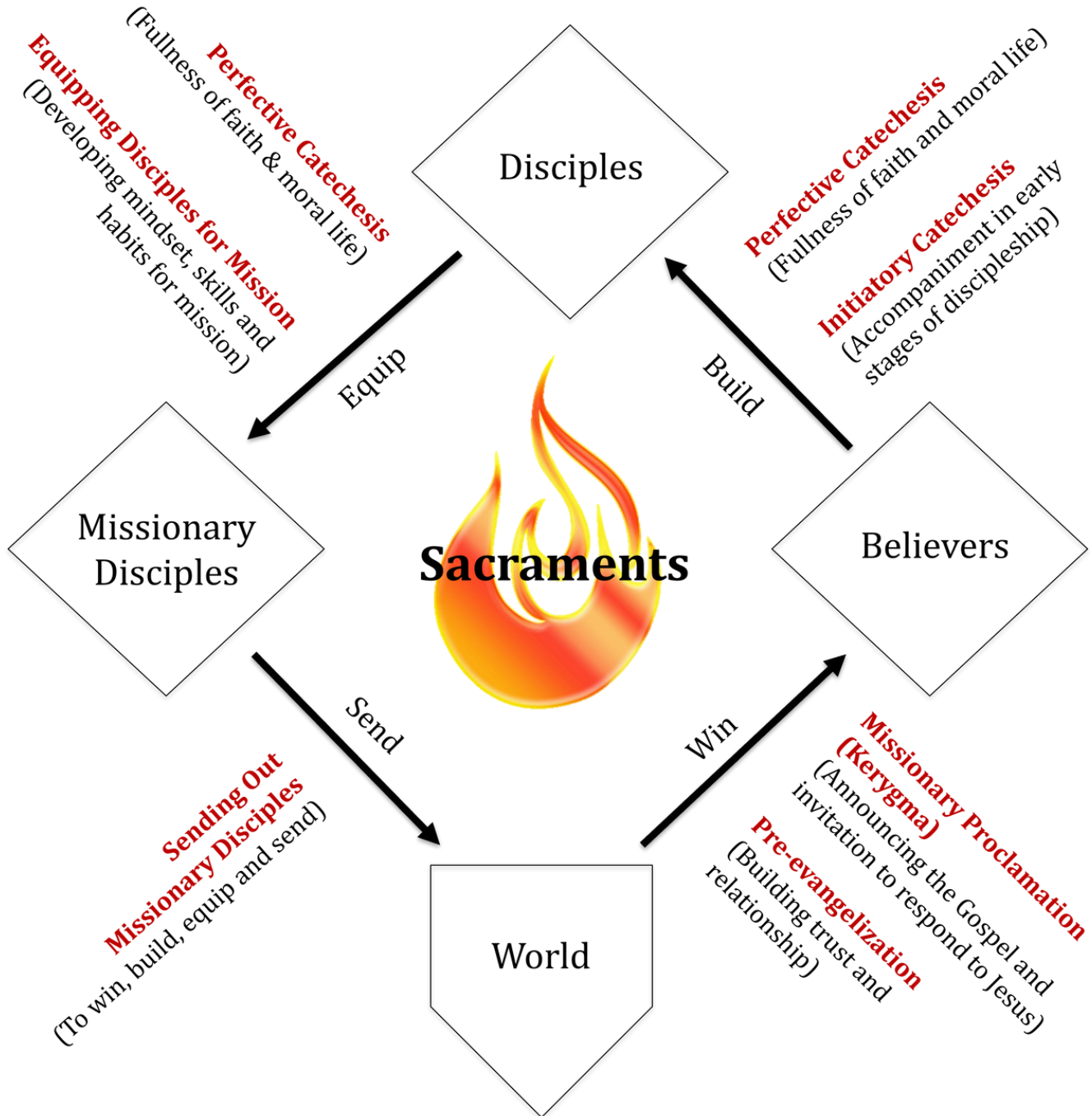
Evangelization is a living process. Each person, ministry, and parish is drawn into this ongoing rhythm: believers become disciples, disciples become missionaries, and missionaries engage the world so that new believers may be born in Christ.

This model reminds us that evangelization is both inward and outward — renewing the faithful within the Church while reaching those who have not yet encountered the Gospel. It captures the heart of Archbishop Pérez's call to reawaken the missionary spirit of the Church in every parish and every region.

Just as the Evangelization Diamond reveals the universal pattern of evangelization in the Church, the Regional Evangelization Diamond shows how this same movement unfolds locally through the Missionary Hubs — uniting parishes, ministries, and communities in one missionary rhythm of encounter and renewal.

The Baseball Diamond

Adapted From The Evangelical Catholic



The Regional Evangelization Diamond

The Missionary Hub carries the same evangelizing movement into the life of the region — helping the Church reach outward from parish life into neighborhoods, schools, and community spaces where people live and seek meaning.

Home Plate — Listen & Encounter

Every missionary journey begins where people are. Here the Church listens — to the joys, struggles, and hopes of all: those in our parishes, those who have drifted away, and those who have never known Christ. Listening opens the door to encounter. It reveals the presence of God already stirring in hearts and communities and builds the trust that makes relationship possible.

First Base — Connect & Build Relationships

From encounter flows connection. The missionary Church forms relationships that bridge parishes and communities, drawing together people of faith and those who feel distant. Through collaboration, shared service, and friendship, the Hub helps the Church become a living network of compassion and hope — one Body reaching outward in love.

Second Base — Equip & Form Disciples

As relationships grow, the work of formation begins. Here both parishioners and seekers are invited to grow in understanding and commitment. The Hub equips individuals and ministries with resources, mentoring, and spiritual formation that deepen faith and prepare disciples for service. This is where missionary readiness takes shape.

Third Base — Witness & Accompaniment

Disciples now begin to live their faith outwardly and help others do the same. They accompany those still searching, offering friendship, prayer, and presence. Through humble witness — in families, workplaces, schools, and streets — they invite others to encounter Christ's mercy and take their next step toward belonging and mission.

Home Again — Mission & Send Forth

As people encounter Christ and grow as missionary disciples, they are sent forth into the world — not only to serve but to begin the cycle anew. Every act of mission leads again to listening and encounter. In this way, the Church remains ever dynamic, ever renewing, and ever being sent by the Spirit to the ends of the earth.

Ongoing Formation & Support

Missionary life is a journey, not a single moment. Those who serve in this ministry are called to grow continually — in faith, hope, love, and service. Ongoing formation helps missionaries stay rooted in prayer, refreshed in spirit, and united with one another in purpose.

Formation keeps the missionary heart alive. Through prayer, retreats, reflection, and shared learning, missionaries deepen their relationship with Christ and strengthen their ability to serve others with joy. Regular opportunities for renewal — whether through personal prayer, parish gatherings, or diocesan events — remind us that mission flows from a heart continually transformed by grace.

Support also comes through community. Missionaries walk together, encouraging one another in times of challenge and celebrating moments of hope. They pray for one another, share insights, and hold each other accountable to the Gospel. In this way, formation is not only personal but communal — helping all who serve to grow as One Body in Christ.

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9

SECTION FOUR

Epilogue

Saints and Stones

A Reflection by Nina Marie Corona

I've been wandering around the beautiful town of Assisi, Italy for several days. It's an ancient Umbrian village filled with historic and religious sites, especially those that commemorate the places where Saint Francis once lived, and worked, and prayed. Tourists arrive in droves daily to catch a glimpse of the original San Damiano crucifix, or to pray in the spots where Saints Francis and Clare once prayed, or to stand near the tombs of these two great saints. And everywhere we turn we read stories about how Francis and Clare lived their lives with a zealous love for God — a love that was so great it still inspires people nearly eight hundred years later.

As I watch the people come and go through the churches, past the tombs, the statues, and the many historic locations, I can sense that they desperately want a fragment of the holiness these saints possessed. They want to take home the holy water, the small San Damiano crucifixes, the prayer cards, and anything else that might exude even a small fraction of the grace that Francis and Clare possessed. I can sense the longing in the air. I can feel the desperation. I can see the fervent petitioning as people touch the statues, the walls, and drop to their knees in adoration.

I realize as I watch the passersby that we all want the easy way out. We want a guideline for holiness and a clearcut way to God. We want Francis and Clare to touch us with their spirits here in this place — to transform us in some way by sharing even just a molecule of the grace they received from God. We think holiness is there for the taking if we could just reach out and touch it, or if we get close enough to the spirit of those who attained it. We are looking outward for a sign, a recipe, or a relic, but so few are looking inward. If only all I had to do was to come to a place such as this and inhale the sweet aroma of grace — to be transformed by the faith journeys of those who have gone before me.

And as I look more closely at my fellow pilgrims, I realize that in my midst are living stones, and we are here trying to draw spirit from lifeless rocks. I can almost hear Saints Francis and Clare shouting, "Look within! Look to your left! Look to your right! You are the living stones!" (1 Peter 2:5). God is already in your midst (Luke 17:21), and He was long before you got to this beautiful place. Don't look away from the eyes of your neighbors to gaze into the statues before you. Be inspired by our lives, and then love one another (John 13:34).

Not to worry, we're in good company. Saint Francis began diligently rebuilding a dilapidated physical church when he heard God's voice beckoning him to, "Rebuild my church." It wasn't until many years later that he realized God was actually calling him to build up the community that is the Church. Certainly, rebuilding the stone structure would have been simpler than transforming the hearts of the community. But pilgrims would not come to Assisi if all St. Francis did was repair a building. They come, pray, and marvel because a simple man transformed an entire town and so many around the world throughout the ages, with a simple message of love, peace, and all good. It's a message that soars above the buildings, the stones, and the statues. It is carried far beyond the holy town, as on the wings of eagles by the same Spirit that dwells with and in you and me (John 14: 17).

And so, the story of Assisi continues — not only in this ancient place, but wherever people choose to make the love of God visible in the world. Like Saint Francis, we too, are called to rebuild the Church, one relationship, one act of mercy, one spark of hope at a time. The mission that began with Francis and Clare is not finished; it is entrusted now to us — the living stones through whom Christ still builds His Church.

SECTION FIVE

Sources and Gratitude

Sources and Suggested Reading

The following resources have guided the vision and development of this *Missionary Hub Companion and Guidebook* and are recommended for further study and reflection.

- ***Ad Gentes*** (Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church)
- ***Trust and Hope: An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez*** (Pastoral Letter)
- **Catechism of the Catholic Church**
- ***Divine Renovation: Beyond the Parish*** – Fr. James Mallon
- ***Evangelii Gaudium*** (The Joy of the Gospel) – Pope Francis
- ***Evangelii Nuntiandi*** (On Evangelization in the Modern World) – Pope Paul VI
- ***Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*** – Sherry A. Weddell
- ***From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age*** – University of Mary
- ***Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States*** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- ***Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization*** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- ***Lumen Gentium*** (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) – Pope Paul VI
- ***Redemptoris Missio*** (On the Permanent Validity of the Church's Missionary Mandate) – Pope John Paul II
- ***Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*** – Michael White and Tom Corcoran
- ***Start with Jesus: How Everyday Disciples Will Renew the Church*** – Julianne Stanz
- ***The Holy Bible*** – New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition (NRSV-CE)
- ***The Purpose Driven Church: Growth Without Compromising Your Message and Mission*** – Rick Warren
- ***The Religion of the Day: Sequel to From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*** – University of Mary
- ***Trust and Hope: Understanding the Missionary Hubs*** – Catholic Church of Philadelphia (video series)
- ***What Should Parish Evangelization Look Like?*** – Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization

About This Companion and Guidebook

This Missionary Hub Companion and Guidebook was prayerfully compiled, written, and designed by Dr. Nina Marie Corona for the Missionary Hub at St. Isidore Parish in the Catholic Church of Philadelphia.

It was created to support the formation and mission of the hub's staff and collaborators, offering spiritual grounding, practical guidance, and inspiration for living the Church's missionary call in our time.

Rooted in Scripture, Tradition, and the vision of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, this guide seeks to inspire faith, hope, love, unity, and joyful witness throughout the region.

With gratitude to Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez for his vision for missionary renewal within the Catholic Church of Philadelphia, and to Reverend Kenneth Brabazon, Pastor of St. Isidore Parish, for his encouragement and support in the development of this *Missionary Hub Companion and Guidebook*.

*For the glory of God and the renewal of His Church.
Come, Holy Spirit, and set hearts afire with the love of Christ!*



This Companion and Guidebook is a living document and may be updated as the Missionary Hub grows and discerns its work.
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