

# THE MISSION

Jesus Christ died for you. For you, the person receiving these words, God—the Eternal Creator—became a human being, entered into the messiness of humanity, lived, worked, loved, and prayed with those around him, and at the end of a young life, was unjustly condemned, cruelly tortured, and died as a criminal on a cross.

He did it for you.

Stop, even just for a second, and actually consider that.

You’ve likely heard it before—maybe even a hundred or a thousand times—but reconsider it; try to internalize it anew.

Now, consider your life. Is it fundamentally affected by the reality that God has such love for you? Does that truth cross your mind on a daily basis? It should. If we really consider that profound gift—that the Lord of life, the Most High, has loved us—it should change everything. But does it?

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## A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP HYING

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- If God loves us infinitely in Christ, how do we respond to such goodness?
- Who are the people God has used to call us into relationship with Him?
- Name two or three immediate people to whom God is calling us to be mediators and messengers of God’s love, to serve as missionary disciples.

### FOR “EXTRA CREDIT”

- Watch 36 min video of Curtis Martin on [The Method Modeled by the Master](#).
- Or listen to the Acts XXIX Podcast [Episode 112: The Method of the Master](#).

## LOOKING AHEAD

Praised be Jesus Christ! Welcome to the first issue of our second round of Go Make Disciples newsletters. You'll notice some similarities as well as some differences from our previous round of monthly newsletters. In this issue and the next few issues over the course of the summer, we are using a slightly different format. Instead of providing new content, we're asking everyone to go back and re-read the foundational documents of the Go Make Disciples initiative, namely: Bishop Hying's pastoral letter from last Pentecost and the Common Vision for Evangelization published by the Bishop last March.

Why go back over these documents? First and foremost because it's easy to get lost in the details if we don't go back again and again to look at the big picture, to be inspired by the vision, and to be renewed in our commitment to what we're trying to achieve by God's grace. Additionally, we were all a bit distracted last Spring by this little thing called COVID, and many parishes didn't get their evangelization teams together until late in the summer or even into the fall of last year. So it will be invaluable for all of us to take the time over the summer to reflect upon and discuss these foundational documents again or perhaps for the first time.

## YEARLY FORMATION NEWSLETTER TOPICS

### MAY 2021

The Mission

### JUNE 2021

What Is Evangelization

### JULY 2021

The Urgency of Evangelization

### AUGUST 2021

How to Evangelize

### SEPTEMBER 2021

Jesus + The Story | Faith

### OCTOBER 2021

Daily Prayer | Hope

### NOVEMBER 2021

Holy Mass | Charity

### DECEMBER 2021

Reclaiming Sunday | Justice

### JANUARY 2022

Monthly Confession | Humility

### FEBRUARY 2022

Self-Denial | Moderation

### MARCH 2022

Praying with Scripture | Wisdom

### APRIL 2022

Missionary Discipleship | Courage

## OBJECTIVES FOR USING GMD NEWSLETTERS

1. **To foster community:** GMD newsletters should be a tool for bringing the Parish Staff and Evangelization Teams together every month to grow in friendship and a sense of community. This should be fun. Not a committee meeting or a staff meeting. Get food and drinks involved. Meet in people's homes. Share real life together.
2. **To provide intellectual formation:** GMD newsletters should provide an opportunity for deepening our understanding of the call we have received to be missionary disciples. We need crystal clarity on the questions: Who is Jesus? What has he done? What is he asking me to do?
3. **To encourage spiritual growth:** GMD newsletters should be a means of encouraging us to grow in basic habits of discipleship, especially prayer, penance, reconciliation, and worship. They should provide an opportunity for accountability in our journey of discipleship.
4. **To equip and mobilize for mission:** GMD newsletters should inspire, motivate, and equip disciples to become missionary disciples who have the confidence and competence to lead others to encounter Christ, to accompany them, to invite them into community, and to send them forth to go make disciples of others.