



**Five Essential Pivots Needed in Your Ministry
As You Plan the Return To “Normal”
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Prayer

Listening to Church's Wisdom
5 Essentials Pivots to Become
New Evangelization

Next Steps

AGENDA





A Prayer for Racial Healing in Our Land

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity.

Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism.

Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions.

Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



DON'T
BE AFRAID
TO FAIL.

**BE AFRAID
NOT TO TRY.**

A Post Covid
Reality
&
Our Evangelization
Opportunities

Do We Listen to Church Wisdom?

“Evangelization cannot be new in its content since its very theme is always the one gospel given in Jesus Christ. ***Evangelization can be new in its ardor, methods and expression.*** It must be adapted to the people of our day.”

St. Pope John Paul II

“In every age, the church carries the ***responsibility of reading the signs of the times*** and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel, if it is to carry out its task “

Gaudium et Spes, no. 4

“The church on earth ***is by its very nature missionary*** since, according to the plan of the Father, it has its origin in the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit”

Ad Gentes Divinitus, no. 2



Do We Listen to Church Wisdom?

“Nourished by word, sacrament, and communal life, they will witness and share the Gospel in their homes, neighborhoods, places of work and centers of culture”

Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, 17

“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, **rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.** More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: **“Give them something to eat”** (Mk 6:37).”

Evangelii Gaudium (49)

“The catechumenate is not a mere expounding of doctrines and precepts, but a training period for the whole Christian life. It is an apprenticeship of appropriate length, during which disciples are joined to Christ their Teacher”

Ad Gentes, no. 14



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#1

**Embrace Digital and Make It A Normal
Part Of Everything You Do**



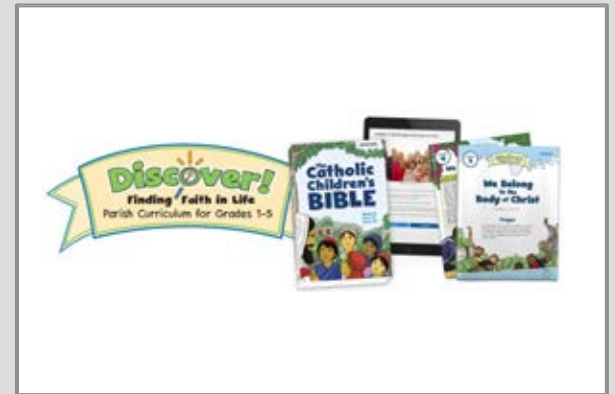
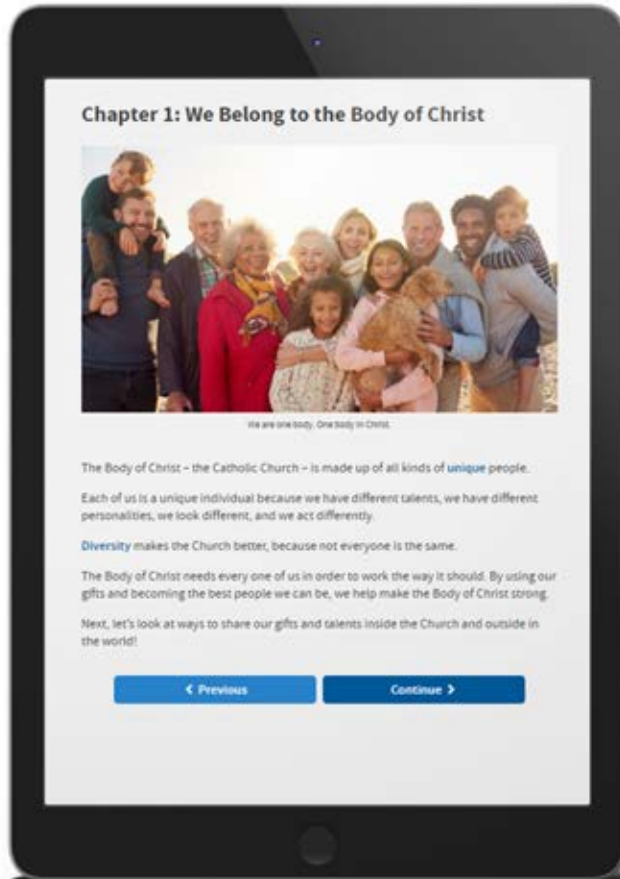
“The communications media have become a fundamental arena in which Christ’s message must be conveyed to the whole world. In order to be faithful to her mission, the Church should employ all modern means of communication technology as effectively as possible to bring others to Christ”

National Directory of Catechesis, p26



“Pastoral ministers need to be trained as specialists in communications technology; state-of-the-art production centers need to be set up; communication networks need to be developed. Using the media correctly and competently can lead to a genuine inculturation of the Gospel”

National Directory of Catechesis, p67



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#2

Pivot From Teaching To Equipping With Skills





Characteristics associated with each stage...

Novice

- * Concrete
- * Literal
- * Needs constant guidance
- * Seeks affirmation regularly

Apprentice

- * Begins to make connections
- * Begins to apply skills
- * Seeks affirmation after completion

Practitioner

- * Manipulates multiple concepts
- * Able to synthesize and generalize
- * Metacognition

Expert

- * Able to evaluate and create
- * Self-directed
- * Looks for new learning opportunities

What students need at each stage...

Novice

- * Step-by-step directions
- * Scaffolding
- * Frequent feedback
- * Structured practice

Apprentice

- * Group work
- * Application
- * Self-evaluation
- * Inquiry/research

Practitioner

- * More significant concepts
- * Open inquiry
- * More resources
- * More problem solving

Expert

- * Transdisciplinary challenges
- * self-directed projects
- * Collaboration
- * Innovation





#3

Pivot From Gathering To Connecting







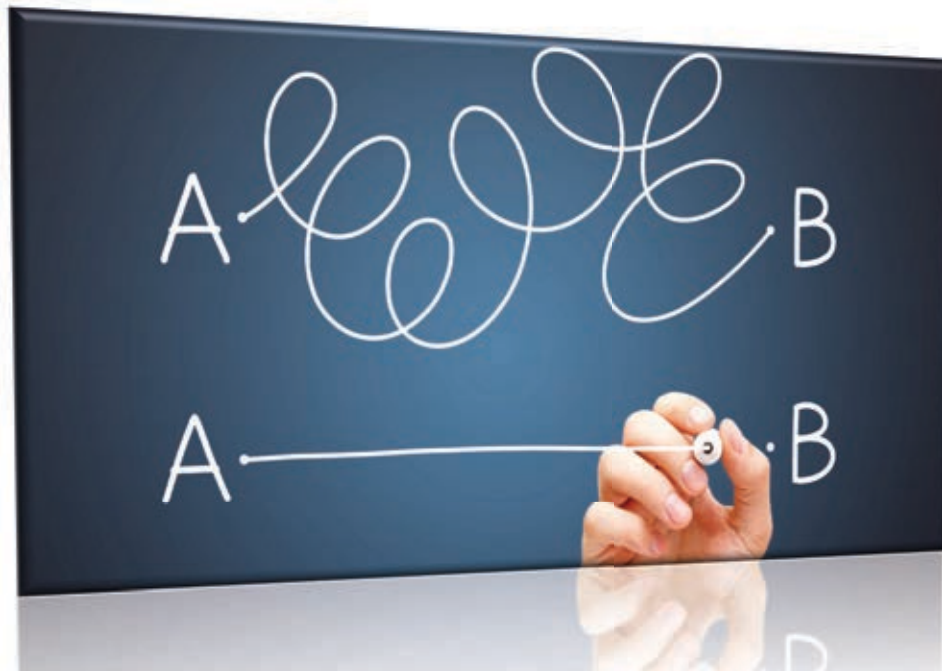
94% of parents said that during Covid-19 their families were spending more time together. For some of them, that time was a source of stress. But 60% of parents said they were enjoying their kids far more during the lockdown.

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Pivot From Complex to Simple





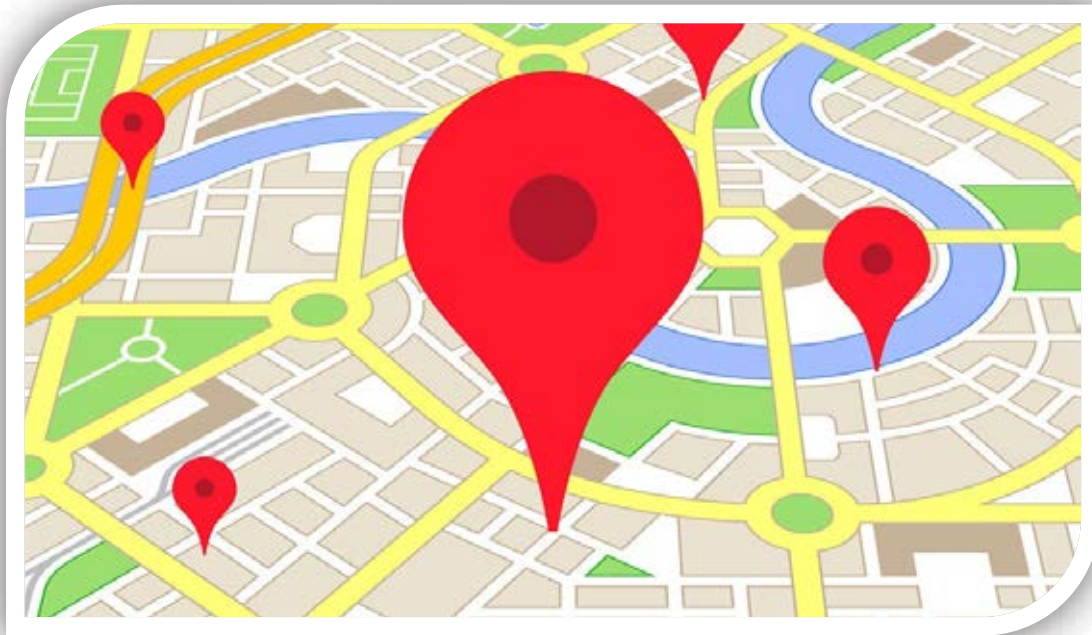
“Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, **first say, 'Peace to this household.** If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. **Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you,** for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, **cure the sick** in it and **say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'”**

Luke 10: 5-9

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#5

Pivot From Global to Local





Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right there where you are in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools. You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, just rejected by society completely forgotten, completely left alone.

Mother Teresa

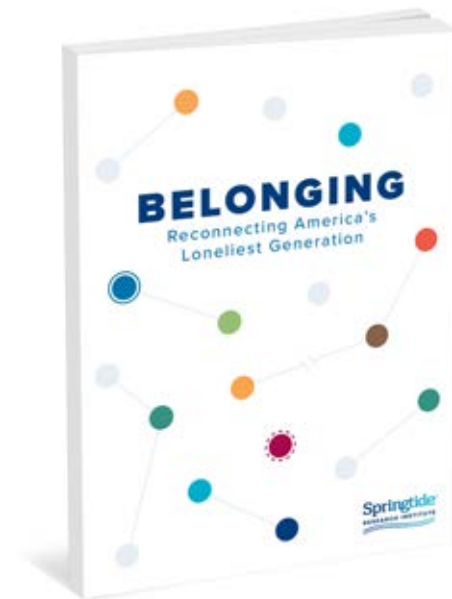
Seeing Those In Front Of You



**One
in three**
young people feel
completely alone
much of the time.



**Nearly
40%**
have no one to talk
to and feel left out.



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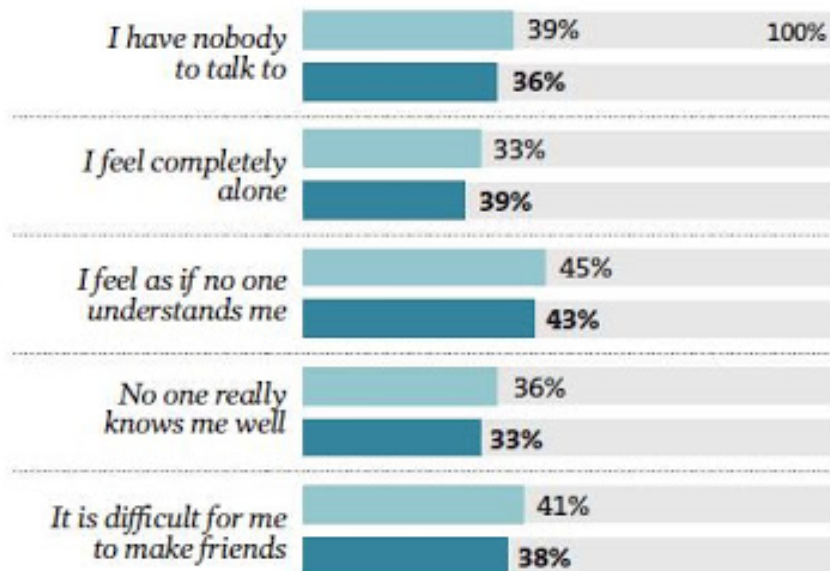


Seeing Those In Front Of You

RELIGION NO BUFFER TO LONELINESS

Loneliness and isolation are widespread among young adults, according to a survey by the Springtide Research Institute. The survey shows little difference among those who attend religious services and those who don't.

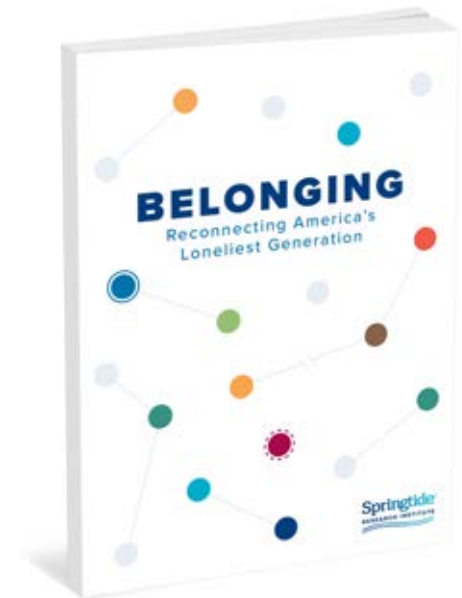
Percentages of 13- to 25-year-olds who agree* with each statement:



■ All respondents
■ Those who attend religious gatherings

*Responding "sometimes" or "always"
Source: Springtide™ Research Institute

Star Tribune



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Is there Hope?

There are “Faith Trajectories” among young Catholics who **remain** committed to the practice of their faith as they entered into early (or emerging) adulthood. The common features these ‘engaged’ young Catholics possessed were:

- strong affective relational bonds to religiously committed family and friends;
- internalized Catholic beliefs through personal spiritual experiences so that faith was personally significant to them;
- engaged regularly in religious behaviors and practices such as prayer, reading scripture and attending Sunday school

Dr. Christian Smith,
Young Catholic America



YOUNG CATHOLIC AMERICA

EMERGING ADULTS IN, OUT OF,
AND GONE FROM THE CHURCH

CHRISTIAN SMITH,

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NEXT STEPS

Closing Prayer

Lord of day and night, of beginnings and endings, as we prepare to conclude this meeting, we once again lift up our hearts to You, The Divine source of all life.

We thank you for the gifts that have been present within this act of service to the community. For the gifts of fellowship and understanding, of mutual respect and shared vision, we are grateful.

For the gifts of perseverance and insight into the common concerns we share, for these and all other graces, we are thankful.

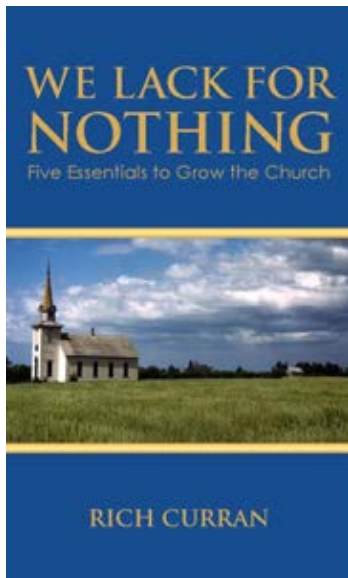
As You have blessed our coming together, now bless our departure and journeys homeward. May Your blessing be upon us, In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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