Identifying the Obstacles in Our Parishes
Parish Evaluation

The purpose of this evaluation is to help you think through the areas within your parish where obstacles to evangelization can exist. Once we have a clear view of those obstacles, we can ask the Holy Spirit to lead us in overcoming them. **Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for illumination.**

**Three Areas of Focus**

A. **Minister's** - Those who are currently working in a ministry position within the parish

1. Have all ministers been evangelized? _____ Yes, _____ No, _____ Don't Know?
2. Do all presenters have a common mission they are presenting towards? ____ Y, ____ N, ____ ?
3. Do they have a sound understanding of Evangelization and Discipleship? ____ Y, ____ N, ____ ?
4. Are they willing to work together to accomplish the parish mission? ____ Y, ____ N, ____ ?
5. Are they grounded in the fundamental disciplines of a Disciple (Acts 2:42)? ____ Y, ____ N, ____ ?
6. Do they exhibit the fruits of the Holy Spirit or Gifts of the Holy Spirit? ____ Y, ____ N, ____ ?

B. **Delivery Method** - What programs or methods are currently being used to disseminate the message or Catechesis. (Most methods are not effective in making disciples.)

1. Can you identify reasons why the methods are not working? List them in the methods for:
   - Adults:______________________________________________________________
   - Teens:______________________________________________________________
   - Children:____________________________________________________________
   - Families:____________________________________________________________
   - Other:______________________________________________________________
2. Identify any common issues that are present within the different age populations.
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3. Are there any methods that are reaping good fruit? List them and define exactly what they achieve. (If possible, define why they succeed)
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C. Receivers - Those who are the recipients of the ministry. (Make your best guess)
1. What percentage of your recipients are: _____Looking for Christian Community, _____Nurturing of their Faith, _____ Desire to be involved in Ministry, _____ Desire to participate only by coming to Mass, _____See religious education as only a means of attaining a Sacrament.
2. What percentage has authentically repented and no longer pick and chose which Church Teachings they will obey? _____
3. What percentage of Receivers, see in their baptism the death of their lives and new live for Christ? _____
4. What percentage of Receivers is evangelized? (Live in the power of the Holy Spirit) _____
5. What percentage understands what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ? (Able to evangelize others and train them up to mature discipleship) _____
6. List what you consider to be the greatest obstacles to bringing authentic conversion to the hearts of your receivers.

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