



Laying a Foundation for Discipleship

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NEW PENTECOST	The Mission WITHIN	The Mission WITHOUT
Encounter Conversion & Outpouring	Grow Transformation unto Maturity	Witness Commission to Testify
Comes First	Comes Next	Comes Forth
Upward	Inward	Outward
Brief	Prolonged	Persevering
<i>Ministering an encounter with Jesus & fulness of the Spirit</i>	<i>Bringing order to Life at Home and patterning as a Disciple</i>	<i>Living The Mission as an apostolic community</i>

Not Simply by Willpower *but by the Golden Thread of the Holy Spirit*

- 1. Invoking the Spirit**
- 2. Listening to the Truth**
- 3. Discerning a step**
- 4. Moving to take it**
- 5. Practicing the new life**

The Gospel

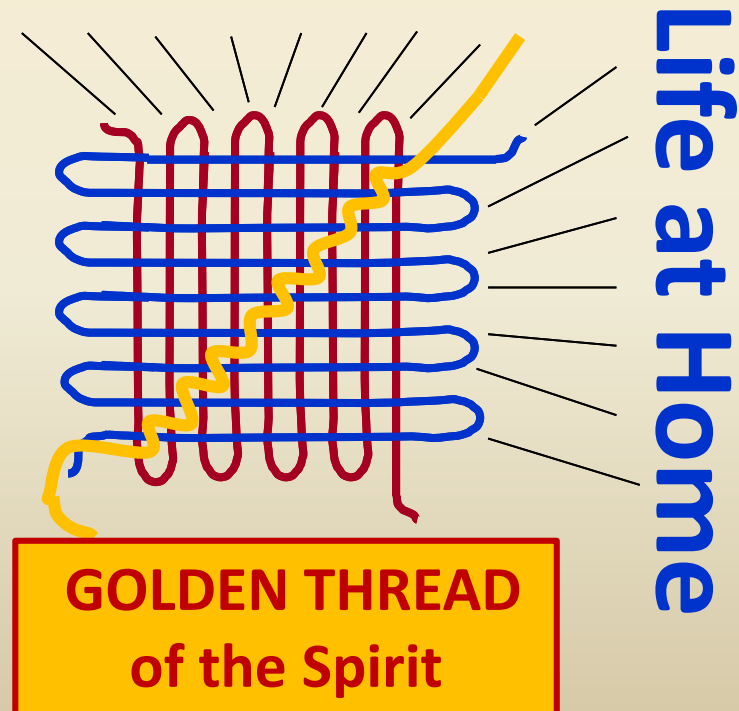




Table Discussion Questions

morning session

1. How hard is it to grow mature disciples?
2. Are your parishioners maturing? How?
3. Encounter, Grow, Witness – do you believe God is actually calling us to this? Why?



Showcasing a New Leaven Parish



Novi, MI

As Catholic missionary disciples, we believe it is normal for us to...

- know Jesus Christ personally and
live in the power of the Holy Spirit
- pray and read the Bible daily
- participate in small faith-sharing groups
- express contagious faith that attracts others
- use our gifts to serve others, especially the poor
- be faithful Catholics in belief and behavior
- be generous with all of our resources



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Pastoral and Diocesan Outlooks on applying New Leaven



Afternoon Session

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Conversion &
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Grow
(Transformation)

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the Gospel

The Person of Jesus

Sacred Scripture

Prayer, Sacraments

Call to Holiness

Catholic Teaching

Charisms, Mission

Action of the Spirit

- Transformation -
Remaking the Fabric
by weaving the Gospel
into Life at Home

Family

Work

Relationships

Time

Body

Money

Mission

Vital Communion

Life at Home

How does Transformation get done?

- Sitting down together for a meal
- Lifting our hearts to the Lord
- Hearing revealed Truth about Life at Home
- Pastoring the engagement of the group
 - Each noticing their own personal reality... “at Home”
 - Saying it out loud
 - Seeking the grace & wisdom to address it
 - Going down the road together
- Experiencing the Holy Spirit at work
- Adopting this as a fruitful pattern for disciples

Disciples being Transformed (what does it look like?)

- bringing order into family life
- spending time wisely
- managing money intentionally
- renouncing evil for what it is
- managing work-life and its effects
- reconciling and guarding relationships
- relying on the Spirit to lead
- speaking of Jesus from experience
- accompanying others in The Mission

What if such Transformation is not really taking place?

- Personal spirituality—at risk in its cheap grace
- Marriage & family disorder—unaddressed
- Time, money, charisms—unavailable to the Church
- The Gospel—still personally unproven
- Christian testimony—lacking first-hand witness
- The New Evangelization—unsustainable
- The Church—weakening further as it declines

New Leaven and Unleash the Gospel

- **UTG's 1st words – Introduction**

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled...” (Acts 2:1)

- **UTG's 1st Guidepost – The New Pentecost**

“...the new evangelization cannot be accomplished without a new Pentecost”

The whole vision for transformation through **New Leaven** begins with a Personal New Pentecost

New Leaven and Unleash the Gospel

Equipping... (Guidepost 4)

Disciples need to have the appropriate formation.

The role of leaders is to... “equip *the holy ones for the work of ministry*” —that is to mobilize, form and train...for building up the Church.

New Leaven is about disciple formation.
It “equips” by shedding disorder and
weaving the Gospel into Life at Home

New Leaven and Unleash the Gospel

Accompaniment (UTG Marker 6.2)

(People...) need time to assimilate the gospel and bring their lives into conformity with it.

(People...) have developed worldly habits and ways of thinking that need to be transformed.

(To become transformed...) they will need... disciples who can disciple others.

In New Leaven the time to be transformed can't be rushed. Worldly habits have power, needing a disciples' group for their resolution.

New Leaven and Unleash the Gospel

Families... (UTG Guidepost 7)

Families are at the very heart of our efforts to unleash the Gospel.

The family today is in crisis...facing unprecedented challenges. The first priority (of parish ministry) is to assist families to live as domestic churches.

Firstly, parents will need to have a living relationship with Jesus.

Families are at the heart of **New Leaven**, thru the parents. The object of our transformation is the domestic church— reclaimed as 'Life at Home'

New Leaven and Unleash the Gospel

Encounter, Grow, Witness... (Guidepost 10)

(Growth is...) required in every area of life: marriage, family life, finances, work, and leisure activities.

Parishes must help parishioners to grow continually in discipleship and deepen their relationship with Christ.

New Leaven is about Growth in the Truth at Home: in FAMILY, WORK, RELATIONSHIPS, TIME, BODY, MONEY, MISSION, VITAL COMMUNION. Such obedience builds a deep relationship with Christ.

New Leaven and Unleash the Gospel

Families... UTG Action Steps include—

Forming family discipleship groups

Spouses & Parents reclaiming their sacrificial roles

Families reclaiming Sunday and its family meal

Families successfully finding prayer time

Family wounds and brokenness being healed

Parents emerging as the primary witnesses to

Christ in their homes

New Leaven reclaims Truth and Wisdom for the family, beginning with the parents, and works to bring healing throughout the Life at Home.



- *...considering Pastoral Guides
- *...considering Parish Renewal



Table Discussion Questions

afternoon session

1. Transformation in a New Leaven group... are significant changes actually reach-able?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play?
3. What difference does the small group make?
4. What is your view of Unleash the Gospel?



Considering New Leaven for any Parish

A New Leaven Parish is always seeking
the New Pentecost thru some
Ministries of Outpouring



**Ministries of
Outpouring**

For example,

Alpha

ChristLife

Life in the Spirit

**What's
Next?**



New Leaven is for
Transforming
a Disciple's
Way of Life
**thru the power
of the Holy Spirit**

New Leaven Meetings

- **Typical Meeting Duration**
 - 2 hr,15 min—including Meal, Praise & Worship, Talk and Disc’n
- **Basic Meeting Arrangements**
 - **As an Assembly**—on a fixed schedule at a central facility
 - **As a Small Group**—on a flexible schedule, typically in homes
- **Overall Scope**
 - Meetings address thematic modules — 4 meetings per module
 - Nine modules in the full Set, for a total of 36 meetings
 - Minimum of 2 meetings per month, exc. Summer & Holidays
- **Materials**
 - Recorded talks available on DVD or as streaming video;
 - Workbook text & discussion questions in printed manual
 - Materials available in English or Spanish

New Leaven Training

- **Involving the Parish Team**
 - Coordinator and Pastoral Guides (small grp. leaders)
- **Basic Training**
 - a 4-hour training session
 - Involving 3 video talks and printed materials, or...
 - optional live training by the New Leaven founders.
- **Team Pilot**
 - first-hand experience of New Leaven by the team
 - minimum of 2 modules, totaling 8 meetings
 - a genuine experience, seeking actual Transformation

New Leaven Promotion

(Can be posed in 3 phases)

Phase 1 - Spiritual Foundations *(should be first)*
Relationships
Time

Phase 2 - Work
Body
Money

Phase 3 - Family
Mission
Vital Communion *(should be last)*

New Leaven Materials



Team Training

Individual Workbooks

Video Talks

New Leaven is available as video discs & streaming and as print resources...all in **English and Spanish.**

Contact us thru www.newleaven.org

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New Leaven Endorsements

“New Leaven is one of the best and most thorough resources I have seen to date to help bring about growth and maturity...as intentional disciples of Jesus. I can state first hand that many lives have been significantly changed in and through it!”

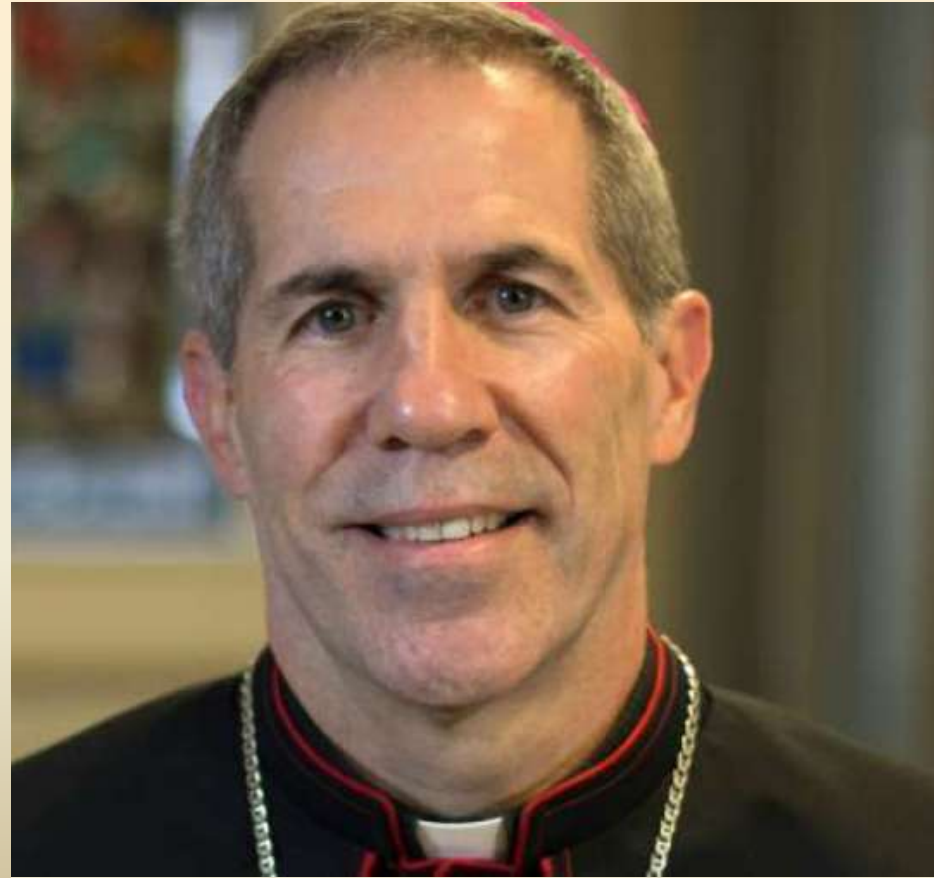


Fr. John Riccardo
Archdiocese of Detroit

New Leaven Endorsements

“Once a person has experienced the life-changing encounter with Jesus, they often ask, ‘What do I do now?’

New Leaven is a great answer to that question... it meets a vital need for the progress of the New Evangelization.”



**Most Rev.
Michael Byrnes
Archbishop of Guam**

New Leaven Endorsements

*“I am gratified to hear of the high regard **New Leaven** has among pastors and lay leaders who have taken advantage of this apostolic initiative.*

*Growing Catholics can wonder what the next step in their faith journey should be after an initial encounter with Jesus. **New Leaven** offers a way to take that step.”*

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**Most Rev.
Allen Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit**



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