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CoreMission | Parish Impact

Those engaged with Mass Impact:
95% increase in talking and praying in their homes,
91% increase in commitment to their parish,
86% increase in inviting others to parish life.

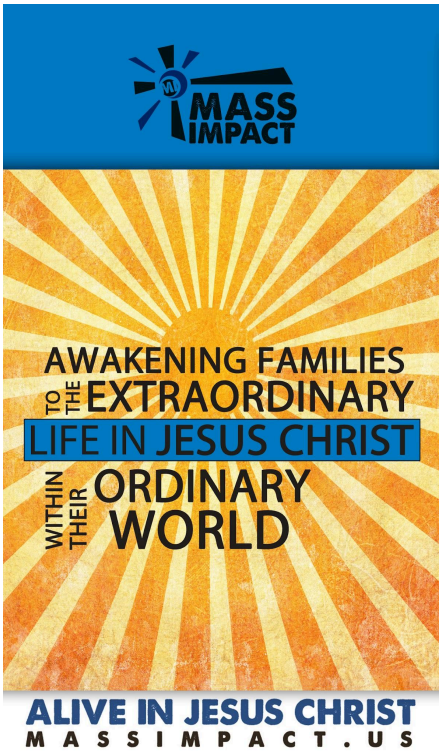
THE BIG QUESTION:
What if the above were
a portrait of <u>your</u> parish?

Mission:

We are awakening families to their extraordinary life in Jesus Christ within their ordinary world.

Vision:

In cooperation with our pastors, we aspire to build communities of believers joyfully alive in Jesus Christ. [Mass Impact Kingdom Builders]



We are about the Real Presence of Jesus Christ transforming real lives. We are a Holy Community lived proclaiming a Holy Communion received. We are an answer to the question following individual events, “And then what?” We are in the heart of the Church providing a strategic, integrated plan.

Parish’s Most Important Mission (Cross Metrics):

1) **Vertical Beam:** Deepening Missionary Discipleship.
2) **Horizontal Beam:** Multiplying Missionary Disciples.

The vertical beam holds up the horizontal: a missioned community of believers authentically Living IT drives multiplication (Acts. 4:32-34). Authenticity of discipleship is key, those who would say:
“Where are we to go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6).

Our Three Uniques:

***Core* (n) the central or most important part of something, from Latin *cor*,heart.**

1) **Core Infrastructure.** MI is not another program but a model for a parish's core infrastructure, an underlying basis to faithfully, strategically and effectively integrate all components toward the fulfillment of the parish's "most important mission" (Paul VI).

2) **Core Human Fulfillment.** MI is about people becoming the best version of themselves (Matthew Kelly). Each of us are participants in the ultimate drama of Jesus Christ specified by the movements of empty, fill and overflow.

3) **Core Empowerment.** God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. We seek to form and equip the capacity within any given community.

Critical Success Factors:

1) **Authentic and Exemplary Witness** of missioned core community (M.O.R.E.).

   Mature. While ongoing maturity is a *way of life* for a disciple of Jesus Christ, disciples need to be in it for the right reasons-- not motivated by high-emotional or esteem needs, but solidly anchored in awareness of our identity and mission in Jesus Christ.

   Orthodox. We need to be availed to understanding and living the truth revealed in Jesus Christ through the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. We need to have a basic capacity to articulate these truths and direct others to solid answers.

   Responsible. We need to be reliable, willing and able to make the commitment.

   Evangelical. We need to be aware of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit alive within us and exhibit God's heart for others to discover and live the same.

2) **Fully Engaged Pastoral Leadership**

   While reaching the entire community, Jesus Christ focussed on forming and deploying "the 12." These live the mission in an exemplary way. It overflows to the community.

   This requires the pastor to regularly and intentionally engage, encourage, support and form (pastor) the missioned community and individual members.

3) **Integrated Model of Church** that is compelling, clear and accessible.

4) **Measurable.** The Cross Metrics above.

It Will Be Said of Your Parish...

Members are united as real Kingdom builders engaged in personal, family and parish discipleship overflowing to the world. There is genuine excitement. Disciples are growing in depth (vertical beam) and number (horizontal beam) (Acts. 6).

1) As aspiring athletes or musicians have examples for their excellence, the aspiring disciples (everyone) entering the parish have compelling, evident witness of individuals and the community striving to live it as a result of the parish's intentional operation.

2) Families and groups are committed to a minimal 60 minutes a week to talk and pray based upon subsequent Sunday readings (Live IT Gathering Guide). These light their candles. These groups are contexts for discipleship growth.

3) Families and groups bring their candles to the monthly IGNITE events. These are a warm, welcoming, outreaching context of missioned community. Participants of IGNITE are invited to be part of peer Live IT Groups.

4) All are actively engaged in easy evangelization, personally inviting others to IGNITE. Holy Spirit prayer cards with IGNITE dates on other side make invitation easy.

5) Some families gather in homes for Monthly Catholic Family Gatherings, context of food, fun and faith. Families actively reach out to community twice a year through IGNITE Catholic Family Festival and Fall event.

6) The Pastor with Core Team are actively leading the journey. They are attuned to everyone. They are regularly encouraging the community through homilies, personal letters, bulletins, announcements.

CoreMission Planning Timeline:

Presumes active leadership, engagement and communication by pastoral team, and special processing / fulfillment meetings with MI Team as mutually determined.

Month X **Assessment. Commitment to engage Mass Impact.**
Ideal: **Parish IGNITION: Living the Ultimate Adventure**. This is a parish mission for parish launch and determination of Core Team.

Month 1 **Parish IGNITION | Living the Ultimate Adventure**
(3 Day Parish Mission: Empty, Fill, Overflow)
Participants connect their own life as a participation in the Ultimate Adventure in Jesus Christ. Continuation is built in (weekly Live IT). Invitation to consider Core Team. Follow-up meeting.

Month 2 **Discern and engage CoreMission Team with M.O.R.E.**
Maturity. Orthodoxy. Responsibility. Evangelical.
Includes an informational night for those interested.

Month 3 **CoreMission Team Retreat (Friday night / Saturday morning)**
Expectation for Live IT as Core Team + in home / peer group.

Month 3-5 **5+ CoreMission Team Formation meetings with Mass Impact**

Month 6 **First SPARK / IGNITE**
+ MI-led CoreMission Team Gathering #4. Gen2 being discerned.

Month 7 **Second SPARK / IGNITE**
+MI-led CoreMission Team Gathering #5. Gen2 being discerned.

Month 8 **Third SPARK / IGNITE**
+MI-led CoreMission Team Gathering #6. Gen2 being discerned.

Month 9 **Monthly SPARK / IGNITE led by parish Core Team**
+Monthly SPARK / IGNITE are anchored in monthly Team Gatherings. Live IT Groups are offered and encouraged. Gen2 invited and engaged.

Month 10 **CoreMission Gen1 Leads Process for Gen2**
Missioned community expands. Gen1 leads CoreMission Retreat, and subsequent formation contained in this timeline for sustained growth.

Costs:

"The Door" (Encounter with Jesus): Parish IGNITION: [**contact us for cost**]
"The Road" (Discipleship of Jesus): CoreMission: [**contact us for cost**]
These cover all direction, presentation and content costs (including musicians, etc.), not material costs (costs of all printing, rentals, food and beverages, etc.).

IGNITE Yearly Subscription: With parish's commitment to excellence in fulfillment, Image Trinity provides custom-designed promotionals, broad marketing, support and weekly Live IT Guides and Episodes.

Structure: 1/2 with Good Faith Agreement, and 1/2 upon completion.

- Engagement and ongoing support of personal, family and parish discipleship through Mass Impact Kingdom Builders
- CoreMission Retreat for pastor and committed Core Team
- All program design and team formation materials
- 8+ CoreTeam Live IT (formation) gatherings (1-2 hours/each): 5+ before first IGNITE (1-2 hours), plus one following each IGNITE
- Assistance in design / managing effective communications platforms
- Key Leader (MC), Worship Leader, A/V Leaders and all program fulfillment for each of the 3 IGNITE events, including equipment (sound system, screen, projector, laptop w/power point, and personnel to set up and run all equipment)
    - Ongoing support and assistance from Mass Impact team member

Integration:

Main: Mass Impact Kingdom Builders (LINK)

(1) Weekly **Live IT Episodes** and Gathering Guides, both family and group versions, to build up personal, family and parish discipleship in an ongoing way.

(2) Our shared story is told every Tuesday evening on **IGNITE Radio Live!** from 8-9pm on Annunciation Radio.

(3) Weekly **O2** e-zine, expansive social media, web and articles actively engage, inspire and support participants in an ongoing way.

(4) Yearly **IGNITE Praying With Fire Conference** on **Pentecost** to ignite leaders, families and their parish communities, plus ongoing "**Discipleship Academy**" including **ABLAZE!**

(5) We actively partner with **Catholic Youth Summer Camps** to engage, form and support young disciples.

(6) **Presence for Christmas** is a weekly "four week journey into the heart of Christmas," a prime opportunity to unite your community in reaching your surrounding community.

(7) **IGNITE Catholic Family Festival** is an opportunity for IGNITE parishes to celebrate and support family while engaging others in the region.

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