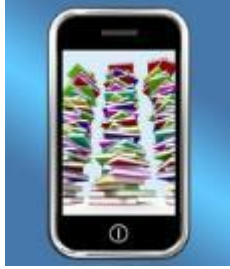


NEW EVANGELIZATION & ADULT FORMATION BOOK CLUB

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MUST READS in order of importance

**** in Resource Library on-line** <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/resources/en/>

What can happen when we read and talk about the same book at the same time!?

We can make more room for God to speak to us & discover something about what He would have for us, in this moment. How about if the Parish Pastoral Council members all read the same book, prayed and chatted about what that could mean for us at the Parish? What about the people who came to the *New Evangelization Summit*? Or any other grouping?

We are seeking after God for the next best steps in our desire for the New Evangelization.

Here is a list of must-reads, in my opinion. We can add to the list. Have fun.

The ones with a ** are in the Resource Library on-line.

Maybe someone would like to start and maintain a chat. Hmm.

1.**



[Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish](#)

Fr. James Mallon
 2014
 Novalis

[Divine Renovation Group Reading Guide](#)

Bill Huebsch 2015

FRANÇAIS [Manuel de survie pour les paroisses, D'une paroisse installée dans la routine à une paroisse de mission.](#)

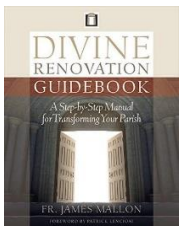
Père James Mallon, 2016, Edition Artège

Fr. James Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the good news with all peoples. Divine Renovation articulates practical ways for injecting new life into our parishes.

Reflect on personal experiences and the parish community - its mission, priorities, and vision. Questions, discussion points and practical tools identify areas and suggest ways to begin an effective action plan for parish transformation.

Un guide complet pour transformer, une étape à la fois, les communautés chrétiennes, afin qu'elles soient véritablement un lieu de vie évangélique centré sur la mission et ouvert sur l'avenir.

2.**



[Divine Renovation Guide, Step by Step](#)

Fr. James Mallon
 2016
 Novalis

[Rénovation divine, Guide pratique](#)

Père James Mallon
 2017
 Novalis

Pastors and parish leaders from across the globe have been seeking guidance for implementing the principles and foundations of Fr. Mallon's vision for parish renewal and mission. This is an engaging and resourceful guide for building healthy and strong mission-oriented parishes.

Des centaines de prêtres et d'autres responsables pastoraux ont manifesté leur désir d'être accompagné dans la mise en pratique des profondes intuitions qu'il contenait. Ce guide complet, transforme, une étape à la fois, les communautés chrétiennes.

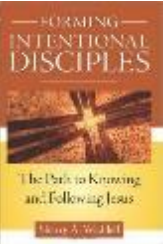
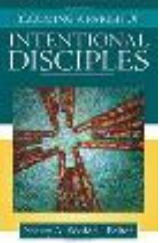
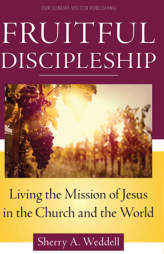
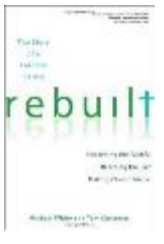
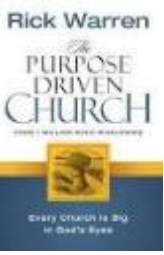

3.**



[Divine Renovation Apprentice](#)

Fr. Simon Lobo
 2018

Transforming a parish is challenging, demanding, and sometimes messy work. Divine Renovation Apprentice, Fr. Simon Lobo breaks open his experience as an associate pastor working on the renewal of St. Benedict Parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the birthplace of Divine Renovation. With honesty, humility, and great clarity, Fr. Simon offers his personal reflections on the actual process of renovation with practical wisdom critical to anyone who wants to see their parish experience new life. This book contains insights on how to Change Culture, Build a Game Plan, and Develop Leaders for lasting parish change.

<p>4.**</p> 	<p><u>Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus</u> Sherry A. Weddell 2012 Our Sunday Visitor Available in Kindle</p>	<p>This work of discipleship is designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. It leads us through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship.</p>
<p>5.**</p> 	<p><u>Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples</u> Sherry A. Weddell 2015 Our Sunday Visitor Available in Kindle</p>	<p>In her book Sherry invites many of the people she has worked with over the years to share how they have put into practice those discoveries that formed her first book. Each of the essays articulate and offer practical advice on a variety of issues facing life in a parish today.</p>
<p>6.**</p> 	<p><u>Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World</u> Sherry A. Weddell 2017 Our Sunday Visitor E-book available</p>	<p>How does God's grace change our individual lives, families, neighborhoods, parish communities, and cities? As faith-filled Catholics, we are called to go out and spread the good news of the Gospel, build up the Church, and fuel its mission. We are supernaturally empowered by God to do this through the charisms we receive at Baptism. Learn about each charism, what they are, and how discipleship unleashes these powerful gifts to produce fruit that lasts.</p>
<p>7.**</p> 	<p><u>Rebuilt: The Story of a Catholic Parish: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter</u> Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran 2013, Ave Maria Press Available in Kindle <u>Rebuilt Field Guide, 10 Steps to Get Started</u> FRANÇAIS <u>Rebuilt, histoire d'une paroisse reconstruite</u>, 2016, Edition Néhémie</p>	<p>Our parish wasn't working, said the leaders of a Catholic church in Maryland. They didn't know how to fix it. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving mega-churches and innovative business leaders while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic centre of Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story to how they brought their parish back to life.</p>
<p>8. **</p> 	<p><u>Purpose Driven Church</u> <u>Every Church is Big in God's Eyes</u> Rick Warren 1995 Zondervan</p>	<p>Every church is driven by something - tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even building. Healthy, consistent growth is the result of balancing the five biblical purposes of the church -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • warmer through fellowship • deeper through discipleship • stronger through worship • broader through ministry • larger through evangelism. <p>It focuses away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process.</p>
<p>9.**</p> 	<p><u>Seek the Living God: Five RCIA Inquiry Questions for Making Disciples</u> Nick Wagner 2017 Liturgical Press</p>	<p>We all know that a one-size-fits-all approach to RCIA catechumenate formation doesn't work. But until now, many of us were stumped trying to find a viable alternative. After just a few meetings with your seekers, you will be able to easily create a customized faith formation plan that is tailored to the unique needs of each person. The best part is that the seekers do most of the work in developing their own plan. Your role shifts from being the Catholic "expert" to being a mentor and coach.</p>