

# 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?

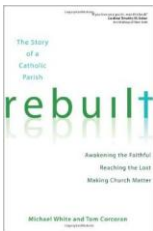
We are seeking after God for the next best steps in our desire for the New Evangelization.

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

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

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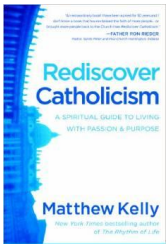
**Rebuilt: The Story of a Catholic Parish:  
 Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost,  
 and Making Church Matter**

Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran  
 2013, Ave Maria Press  
 Available in Kindle

**Rebuilt Field Guide, 10 Steps to Get Started**  
**FRANÇAIS Rebuilt, histoire d'une paroisse  
 reconstruite**, 2016, Edition Néhémie

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.

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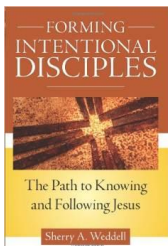


**Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide  
 to Living with Passion & Purpose**

Matthew Kelly  
 2011  
 Beacon Publishing  
 Available in Kindle

Matthew Kelly proposes that Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations, but a way of life designed by God to help each person reach his or her full potential. With remarkable insight, Kelly dispels dozens of myths that surround the rejection of Catholicism today and provides a profound and practical vision of what will lead the Catholic Church to thrive again in the future. Rediscover Catholicism is quickly becoming the most read Catholic book of our times. From the spellbinding opening story, Kelly grips his readers and takes them on a life-changing journey to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.


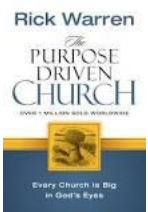
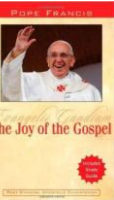
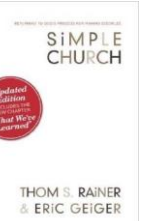
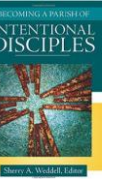

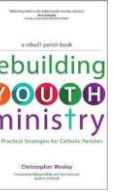
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**Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to  
 Knowing and Following Jesus**

Sherry A. Weddell  
 2012  
 Our Sunday Visitor  
 Available in Kindle

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, and much more.

<p>4. **</p> 	<p><b><u><a href="#">Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish</a></u></b>  Fr. James Mallon, 2014 Novalis  <b><i>Divine Renovation Group Reading Guide</i></b>  Bill Huebsch 2015  <b><u><a href="#">Divine Renovation Guide, Step by Step</a></u></b>  <b>FRANÇAIS <u><a href="#">Manuel de survie pour les paroisses, D'une paroisse installée dans la routine à une paroisse de mission.</a></u></b>  Père James Mallon, 2016, Edition Artège</p>	<p>Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelization, Fr. James Mallon shares with us the many ways for bringing our parishes to life. He 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.</p>
<p>5. **</p> 	<p><b><u><a href="#">Purpose Driven Church</a></u></b>  <b><u><a href="#">Every Church is Big in God's Eyes</a></u></b>  Rick Warren  <b>1995</b>  <b>Zondervan</b></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 - • warmer through fellowship • deeper through discipleship • stronger through worship • broader through ministry • larger through evangelism. It focuses away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process.</p>
<p>6. **</p> 	<p><b><i>The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium</i></b>  Pope Francis  2014  The Catholic Company  <i>Includes study guide</i></p>	<p>In this apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis outlines a roadmap for the Church's pastoral mission and care for God's people. He envisions a Church of "Spirit-filled evangelizers" who exude joy and care for God's people, especially the poor. Includes study guide for reflection and discussion</p>
<p>7. **</p> 	<p><b><i>Simple Church: Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples</i></b>  Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger  New edition  2011  B&amp;H Books</p>	<p>Using case studies of 400 American churches, Rainer and Geiger demonstrate that Christian discipling has often become too complex and intimidating to be effective with postmodern congregations. Discover how churches that are successful in sharing the gospel are following four simple ideas: clarity, movement, alignment, and focus.</p>
<b>ADDITIONAL</b>		
<p>8. **</p> 	<p><b><i>Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples</i></b>  Sherry A. Weddell  2015  Our Sunday Visitor  Available in Kindle</p>	<p>In her new 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>9. **</p> 	<p><b><i>Tools for Rebuilding: 75 Really, Really Practical Ways to Make Your Parish Better</i></b>  Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran  2013  Ave Maria Press  Available in Kindle</p>	<p>In their barn-burning first book, Rebuilt, Michael White and Tom Corcoran shared their story and vision of building better Catholic parishes. Now in their eagerly anticipated second book, White and Corcoran lay out 75 proven tactics for getting the job done.</p>
<p>10.</p> 	<p><b><i>Rebuilding Youth Ministry</i></b>  Christopher Wesley  2015  Ave Maria Press  Available in Kindle</p>	<p>Christopher Wesley coaches fellow Catholic leaders on how to overcome common hurdles of ministering to young people. He shares how he faced feelings of complacency, underestimated youth, and entertained rather than ministered in his own parish. Wesley built a distinctive program based on small group faith formation and sustained it with the assistance of more than 60 volunteer adult mentors. Wesley lays out 10 strategies that helped grow participation in his high school program from 9 teens to 90 and the middle school program from 40 teens to 85.</p>