

Reclaim the Fire of Parish: Making Missionary Disciples Today

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“Today, we frequently hear of a “diagnostic overload.....
What I would like to propose is something much more in the
line of an evangelical discernment. It is the approach of a
missionary disciple, an approach nourished by the light and
strength of the Holy Spirit”. EG #50



The Great Pause of 2020

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SAME STORM, DIFFERENT BOAT





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Follow Jesus: The Way of Discipleship



The word
disciple comes
from the Greek
word *mathetes*
meaning
*pupil/student of
the master*. The
Master is of
course, Jesus
Christ.



Getting Back To Our
Roots



Come to Me
(Jn 1:38)

Follow Me
(Mt 9:9)

Remain United
Jn 15:4

Go & Make Disciples
Mt 28:9

An iceberg floating in the ocean, with a small tip above the water and a much larger mass submerged below. The background is a blue sky with light clouds.

Missionary Discipleship

Discipleship

Evangelization

Pre-evangelization
70-85 % of all Catholic
parishioners

Stage	Pre-Evangelization	Evangelization	Discipleship	Missionary Discipleship
Pope Francis Emphasis	Encounter	Accompaniment	Community	Mission
Methodology	<p>Relationship Building Sharing My Story Questions & Answers Healing Hospitality</p> <p>Service: Make a difference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal Stewardship “tipping for Jesus” 	<p>Proclamation New Apologetics Witness/Testimony Gift Inventories Discernment</p> <p>Service: As a friend/Follower of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing in Stewardship 	<p>Catechesis Charism Discernment Sacramental Liturgical Catechesis</p> <p>Service: “Do this in memory of me”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intentional Stewardship 	<p>Ongoing formation Apostolic Leadership</p> <p>Service: Transformation of the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacrificial and Abundant Stewardship



On our lips...

“the first proclamation must ring out over and over: “Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.”

(EG, 164)

***“God is opening before the
Church the horizons of a
humanity more fully prepared
for the sowing of the Gospel”***

(Redemptoris Missio)





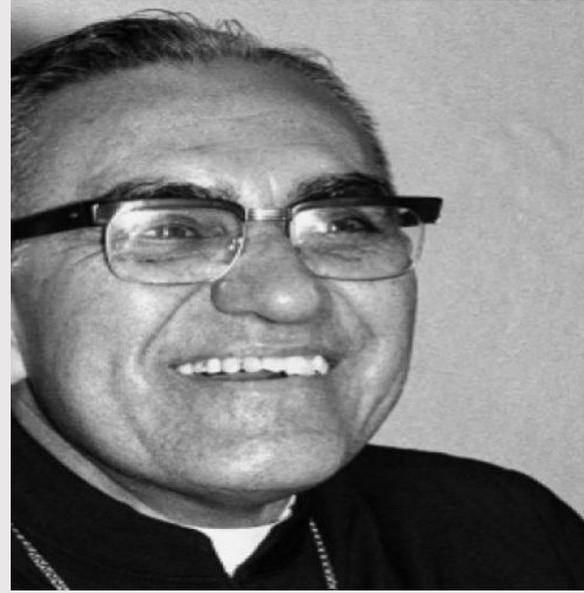
- Between 1999 and 2017, the rate of drug overdose among Americans between 25 and 64 increased about fourfold.
- Rates of suicide of Americans between 25-64 began to rise in the early 1990s, increasing 38.3% between 1999 and 2017.
- Between 1999 and 2017, midlife deaths from alcoholic liver disease grew 40%.
- And alcohol poisoning deaths among those 25 to 64 rose almost fourfold.

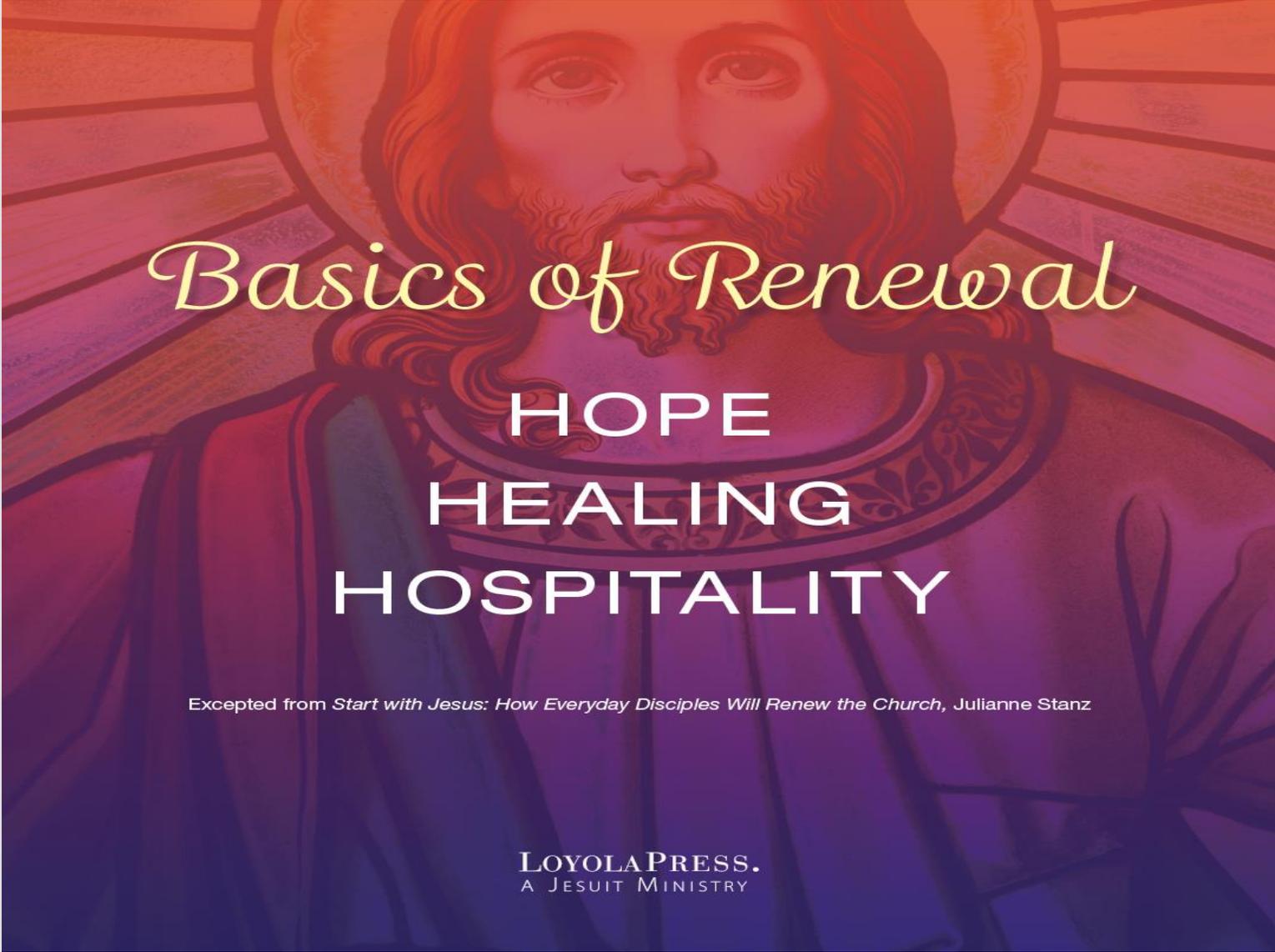


“The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful....I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ...

Mario Minniti,
The Five Wounds of Christ





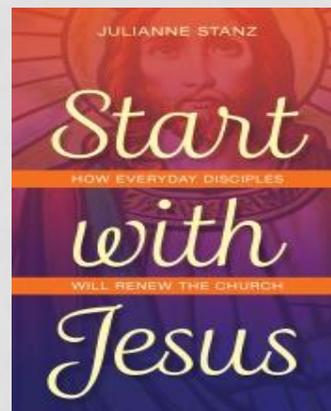


Basics of Renewal

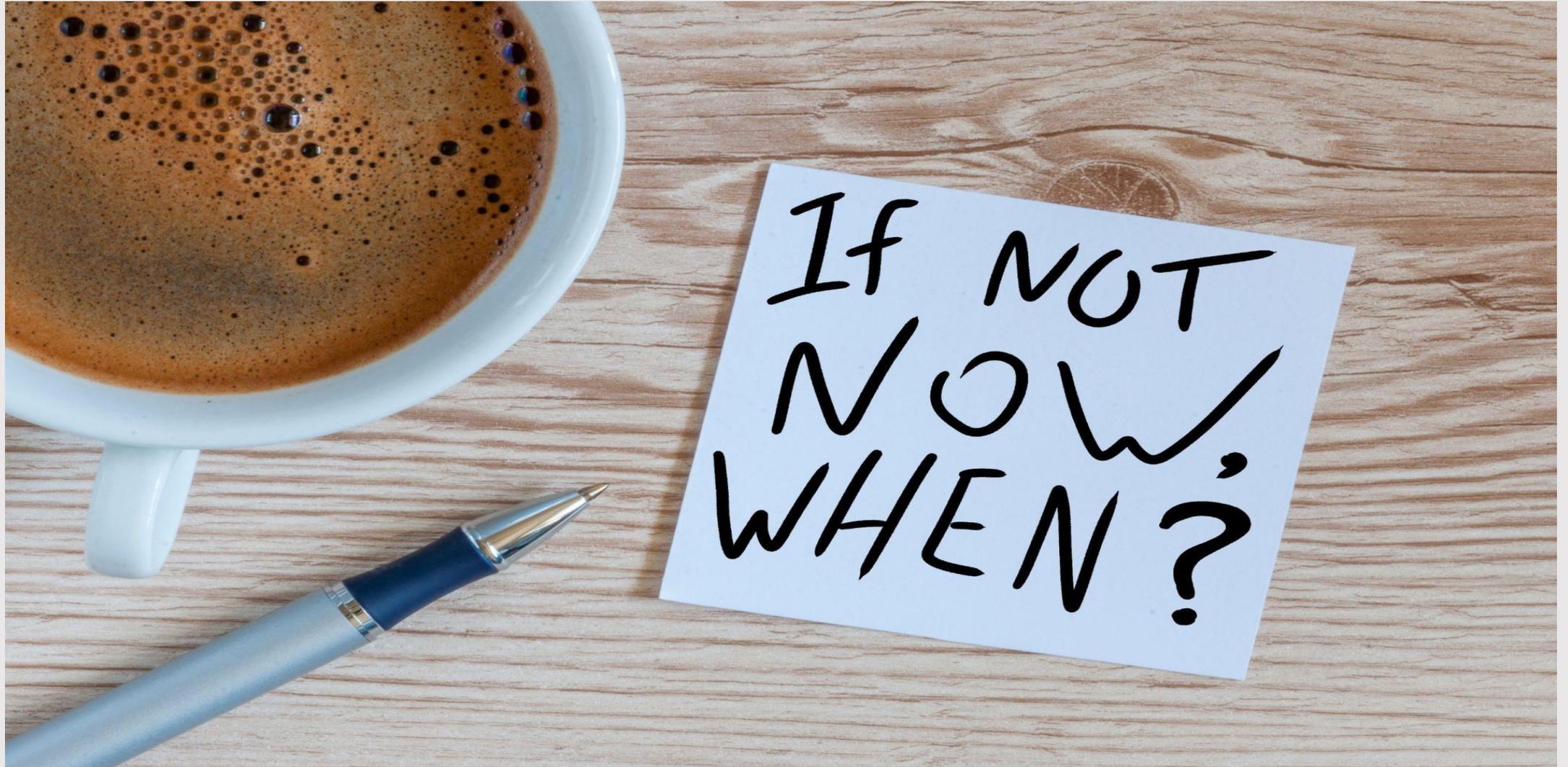
HOPE
HEALING
HOSPITALITY

*Excerpted from *Start with Jesus: How Everyday Disciples Will Renew the Church*, Julianne Stanz*

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A JESUIT MINISTRY



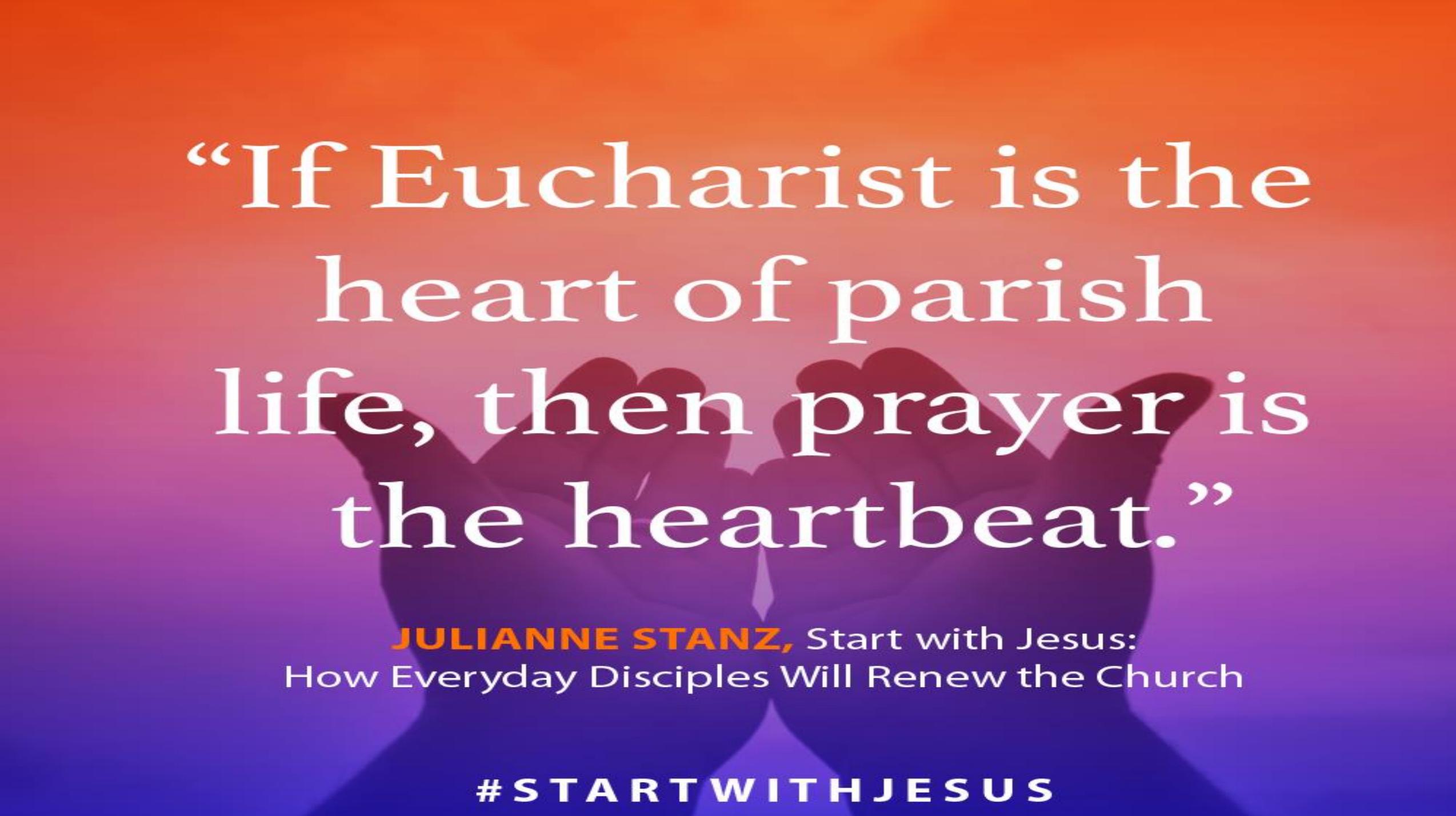
Part Two



The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration”

(Evangelii Gaudium #28).



The background of the image features a gradient from orange at the top to blue at the bottom. In the center, there is a silhouette of two hands held together in a prayerful gesture, palms facing each other. The text is overlaid on this background.

“If Eucharist is the
heart of parish
life, then prayer is
the heartbeat.”

JULIANNE STANZ, *Start with Jesus:
How Everyday Disciples Will Renew the Church*

#STARTWITHJESUS



The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness (*parrhesía*) in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition.

Let us call upon him today, firmly rooted in prayer, for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty.

Evangelii Gaudium ,#259

Prayer at The Parish

“Spirit-filled evangelizers
are evangelizers who pray
and work”

Evangelii Gaudium, # 262.



Missionary "Think Tank"

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
PHIL 4:13

1 Prayer

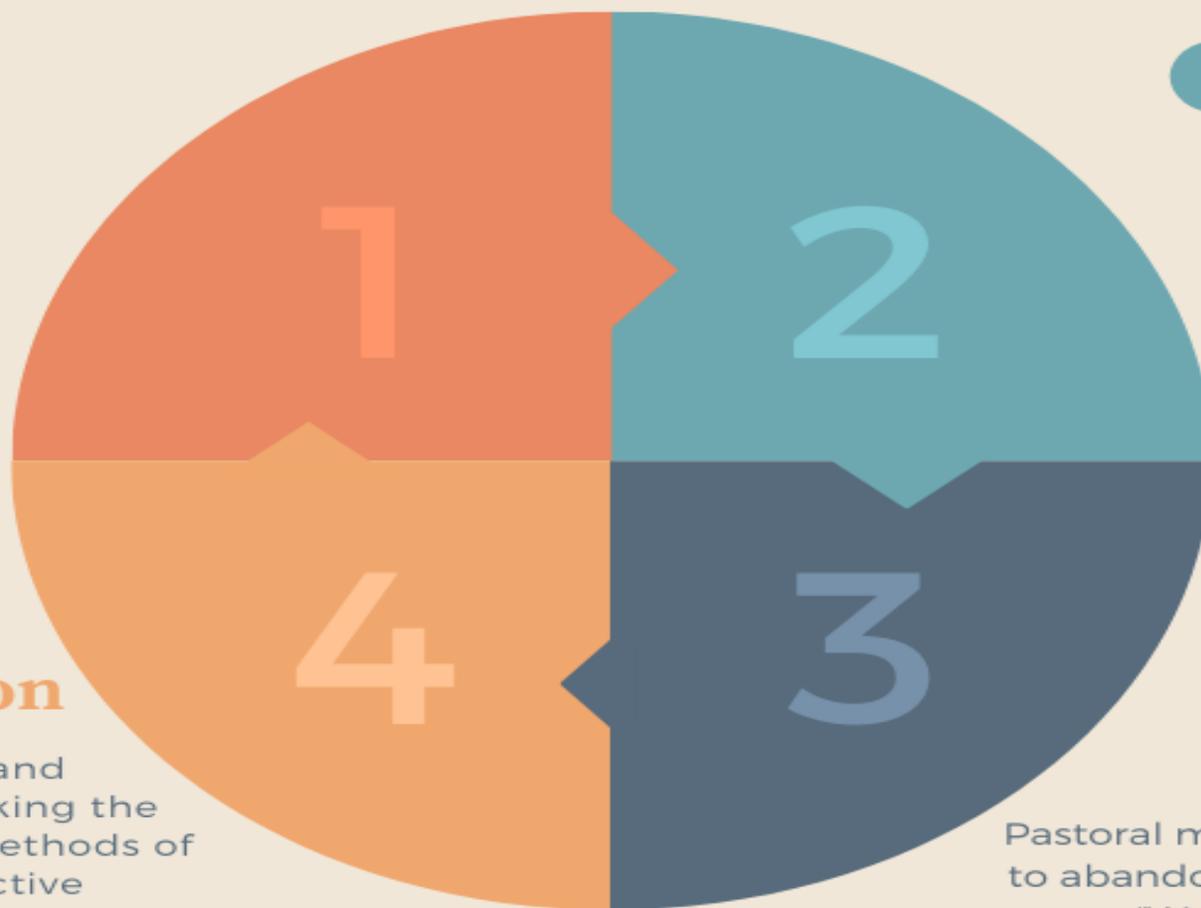
"Techniques of evangelization are good, but even the most advanced ones could not replace the gentle action of the Spirit"

St Pope Paul VI,
Evangelii Nuntiandi, #75

4 Imagination

"I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities."

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, #33



2 Mission

"There is a new awareness that missionary activity is a matter for all Christians, for all dioceses and parishes, Church institutions and associations"

St. Pope John Paul II,
Redemptoris Missio, #2

3 Inspiration

Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: "We have always done it this way".

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, #33



*All Souls'
Day*



NOT A LEADER? YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED!

- The Old Testament Prophets Said,
 - “I am too young” (Jeremiah)
 - “I am too old” (Sarah)
 - “I am not a speaker” (Moses)
 - “I am just a farmer” (Gideon)
 - “I am not in the mood” (Jonah)

**Only Acceptable Response? “I will go!
Send me! (Isaiah)**





“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the
dead and Christ
will give you light”

Ephesians 5:13