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TO: Priests & Pastoral Coordinators
FROM: Terri Gadzinski, Executive Director of Stewardship & Development
COPY: Parish Secretary & Bookkeepers
RE: **GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR CATHOLIC MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

We are pleased to announce the availability of Legacy of Faith Catholic Action Fund grants to supplement the cost of parish teams to train with *Catholic Missionary Disciples*.

Catholic Missionary Disciples (CMD) was founded by Marcel LeJeune, one of the speakers at the 2019 Evangelization Summit. The program includes a commitment from the pastor and a team of 3 to 5 additional people for a period of 1 year. During the first 12 weeks, the cohort will meet WEEKLY for one-hour with *CMD* for an intense preparation, plus each team member will have a weekly individual coaching session. For the remaining 9 months, *CMD* will meet MONTHLY with the cohort as well as with individual team members.

See attached Program Description & Pricing. Also, visit <https://catholicmissionarydisciples.com/faq>.

How to Apply for a Legacy of Faith Grant

- Parish team must apply and be accepted for a Legacy of Faith grant. Please click [here](#) to complete and submit a brief LOF grant application
- Once approved, the parish must apply with *CMD* for final acceptance into the program
- Grant funds may only be used for program costs for a parish team of 4 to 6 members. The team **must** include the pastor
- Parishes may apply for up to \$8,000 (which is 80% of the total cost for a 4-person team.) Parishes that can contribute more toward the cost of the program are asked to consider applying for a grant amount less than \$8,000, in consideration of parishes with less fiscal ability
- If accepted, the training will begin in September 2020
- There are four grants available
 - Submit applications by **August 1, 2020** for a September 2020 program start date.

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Special Grant Opportunity for Parishes

Parishes can apply for a grant to offset costs for training with *Catholic Missionary Disciples*. The training would be with a member of *Catholic Missionary Disciples* staff and your parish team of 4-6 people using weekly, online video conferences for a period of twelve weeks, then followed up with monthly sessions for nine months for a total of one year of training. **If accepted, the training will begin in September 2020.**

Background

Catholic Missionary Disciples was founded by Marcel LeJeune. They work with dioceses and parishes to form teams of disciple makers who in turn make disciple makers. Marcel was one of the keynote speakers at the 2019 Diocese of Marquette Evangelization Summit, *Transform & Inspire*.

Basic Structure

Work in small groups of people who are able to work together in a parish. We believe the optimum number is 4-6 people (including the pastor) + one of our Catholic Missionary Disciples staff, as the facilitator. Each cohort will gather for 12 weeks:

- 1 – In an hour-long weekly session (an online video call) to pray, learn, discuss, and collaborate with one another. This weekly meeting will last for 12 weeks. Each session will be an intense preparation for the weekly assignment of prayer and action. This builds an element of accountability in ministry, which we miss in too many ways. Unlike a conference, where most absorb content passively, the process of having a small cohort will demand interaction and growth.
- 2 – Furthermore, each individual will spend 30 minutes a week in a one-on-one coaching session with the facilitator to personalize the process and apply it.

Following the 12 weeks, the team and individual team members (using an online video call) will meet once a month for 9 months with the facilitator.

Eligibility

The parish must apply with and be accepted by Catholic Missionary Disciples. Discernment is a two-way street. We want all potential partners to prayerfully consider applying. Once you apply, we can prayerfully consider whether we are the right fit for you.

Pricing

Total Program Cost:

4 person team = \$10,000 (\$2500 per person)

5 person team = \$11,750 (\$2350 per person)

6 person team = \$13,500 (\$2250 per person)

Cost to Parish (with full \$8,000 grant)

4 person team \$2,000

5 person team \$3,750

6 person team \$5,500