

# PARISH EVANGELIZATION

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**Benchmark:** A benchmark is a permanent marker (usually a bronze disk) at a determined point that identifies a fixed location (elevation and horizontal coordinates) and is used as a reference point for surveys in its locality.



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## BENCHMARKS



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## PRAYER



**Evangelical Discernment Rooted in Prayer**

- A. Frequently offer intentional prayer for the grace of evangelical zeal and an openness to the Holy Spirit's movements.

## PLANNING



**Evangelization is at the Core of the Parish's Mission and the Driving Principle for Parish Lead**

- A. Those who make up the pastor's leadership team are clearly identified and formed for evangelization.
- B. Under the guidance of the pastor, pastoral planning centered around Christ's missionary mandate is conducted in the parish.
- C. The parish takes on a "Missionary Spirituality" (RM 87 ff).

## HOSPITALITY



**Hospitality is an Essential Characteristic of Parish Life**

- A. The culture of the parish exudes a spirit of welcome, especially to new visitors or those exploring the faith.
- B. The parish as a whole, as well as specific groups within the parish, intentionally reach out to new parish members and invite their participation.
- C. Parish discipleship and initiation programs include methodology to engage new members in parish life.

## CULTURE



**Build a Culture of Encounter and Accompaniment**

- A. Parish initiatives foster a Culture of Encounter by seeking out luke-warm Catholics, the unchurched and those on the margins of society.
- B. Parishioners are called to become disciple makers and equipped to carry out Jesus' evangelical mandate.