

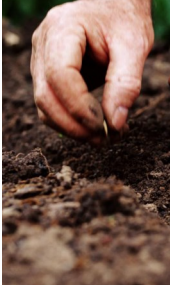



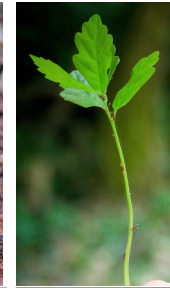






The Thresholds of Conversion & Discipleship

										
Pre-Trust A person likely has no connection with an individual Catholic or the Church and likely harbors suspicion or outright hostility toward Catholicism.	Trust A person has a positive association with Jesus, the Church (Catholic schools), or a Catholic. This is <i>not</i> the same as active personal faith.	Curiosity A person is intrigued by or desires to know more about Jesus or his teachings. This is passive interest, and the person is not yet open to change.	Openness A person admits to a general need or desire for personal and spiritual change. This is not the same as a commitment to specific changes.	Seeking A person moves from being passive to actively seeking to know the God who is calling him/her. The seeker is engaged in a spiritual quest.	Decision The decision, in faith, to follow Jesus as an obedient disciple in the midst of the Church, which brings about new life.	Beginning Disciple A person begins to follow Jesus as a disciple, starts turning away from sin, and has a tangible desire to grow spiritually.	Growing Disciple A person develops a heart for God, makes any sacrifice in order to <i>personally</i> grow, and lives habits of the Christian life.	Commissioned Disciple A person has decided to personally answer the call to take part in the mission of the Church by sharing the Good News.	Disciple-Maker A person has helped another to commit their life to Jesus as a disciple and makes any sacrifice to help <i>another person</i> to grow spiritually.	Spiritual Multiplier A person is fully equipped for lifelong Catholic mission and has produced a strong 3rd generation of disciples.

Passive
Disposition

Increasing in:
Trust in the Lord
Love
Relationship with Jesus
Activity/personal initiative
Involvement in the community

Active
Disposition

THE CORE GOSPEL MESSAGE (THE 4 “RS”)

- 1) God loves us and made us for relationship with him & others. (John 3:16)
- 2) Sin ruins our relationships & isolates us now and for eternity. (Romans 6:23)
- 3) Jesus restores our relationship with God by his death and resurrection. (Romans 5:8)
- 4) Our response to accept Jesus opens us to life eternal. (Rev. 3:20)

“Evangelization will always contain - as the foundation, center and at the same time the summit of its dynamism - **a clear proclamation** that, in Jesus Christ...salvation is offered to all people, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy.”

(Pope Paul VI, *Evangelization in the Modern World*, 27, emphasis added)

“All forms of missionary activity are directed to this proclamation...as the **hinge** on which all evangelization turns.”
(Pope John Paul II, *Mission of the Redeemer*, 44, emphasis added)