



## FOUNDATION 1: EMPOWERING EVANGELIZATION SO AS TO SHARE THE SAVING NAME OF JESUS

We often hear the word “evangelization.” But what does it really mean, and how are we called to evangelize as Catholics? What does evangelization have to do with the Growing Disciples Pastoral Planning initiative?



To dig deeper into this, and into each of the five foundations upon which Growing Disciples is rooted, Bishop Louis Tylka is presenting a series of video discussions with different individuals from across the diocese. Watch the first video on evangelization at [CDOP.org/pastoral-plan/five-foundations](http://CDOP.org/pastoral-plan/five-foundations) or on the Diocese of Peoria Facebook page.

In this video, **Bishop Tylka** and **Father Adam Cesarek**, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac, Ill., discuss the following, and more:

- ▶ **Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation** and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. *(Definition from the USCCB's National Plan for Evangelization)*
- ▶ **We are all called to evangelize.** But in order to evangelize, we need to first fully experience who Jesus is for ourselves. This involves converting our hearts daily.
- ▶ **National culture and trends regarding religion** are much different today than they were even a few decades ago, so the way that we approach evangelization must change, too.
- ▶ **Through Growing Disciples, we are evaluating how we can be better stewards of our resources** in order to follow God's call to **go and make disciples** in the way it is needed today.



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