

WHY CATHOLIC?

An important question
and a valuable answer...

“*Why Catholic?* seeks to be an instrument for faith formation and a call to holiness. Saints in everyday life are the strength of the Church, which is always renewing itself in fidelity to the mission of Christ and in service to the needs of our society. I heartily commend this effort in making the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* more accessible to the faithful.”

Most Rev. John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D.
Archbishop of Newark (NJ)

“Before we made a final decision to go with *Why Catholic?*, our diocesan team contacted directors from other dioceses that were already doing the program. The response we got was very enthusiastic. There was a consensus that the quality of the RENEW staff was excellent and that the materials and input they offered was very helpful.”

Jim Kemna
Director of Religious Education
Diocese of Jefferson City (MO)

“*Why Catholic?* equips and empowers our Catholic laity to own, articulate, and live their Catholic faith and identity.”

Rebecca Titford
Director, Office of Religious Education
Archdiocese of Mobile (AL)

“The *Why Catholic?* process makes pastors' continuing faith-education responsibility easy to do.”

Msgr. Kurt Kemo
Vicar General
Diocese of Steubenville (OH)



Just as the mission of evangelization enlivens the Church's pastoral and missionary activity, catechesis makes concrete her mission of evangelization.

National Directory for Catechesis, 22

Small communities are powerful vehicles for adult faith formation, providing opportunities for learning, prayer, mutual support, and the shared experience of Christian living and service to Church and society.

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RENEW International fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities to encounter God in everyday life, deepen and share faith, and connect faith with action.

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Are Catholics ready and able to “go and make disciples”?

... secure in their beliefs? ... willing and able to share their faith with others?

... prepared to pass along the faith to their children? ... making the connection between faith and daily life?

Answer “YES!” with

WHY CATHOLIC?

a concrete process for Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation

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STRENGTHENING FAITH ... MAKING DISCIPLES

How can we encourage Catholics to openly talk about their faith?

How should people respond when others question their Catholic beliefs and teachings?

How can parents pass along a full appreciation of the rich gifts of Catholicism to their families?

Many Catholics, both young and old, face opportunities every day to share their faith with others, but lack the basic knowledge and confidence to do so.

How do you address this issue? By implementing *Why Catholic?* a thoughtfully designed and proven process from RENEW International.

Why Catholic? has a rich scriptural and catechetical approach that gives a solid foundation for every Catholic to be an evangelizer.

Evangelization is to be a natural and normal part of Catholic life. Catholics need the tools and support to carry out this ministry today.

Adapted from Go and Make Disciples, 64

Evangelization through Small Communities

Small communities provide an ideal, supportive environment for evangelization and adult faith formation. Knowledge and confidence grow, and people are enabled to share—

- **How we pray**
- **What we believe**
- **How we worship**
- **How we live**

Practical Evangelization Workshops

Catholic Evangelization: Creating a Parish Plan and *Small Community Leader* trainings offer tested approaches for creating evangelizing parishes.

Faith Formation Plus Evangelization Outreach

Each element of *Why Catholic?* works together to provide your community with—

- **Opportunities to express their faith**
- **Resources for forming deeper faith**
- **Approaches for reaching out to others**
- **Tips on what to say and who to reach**

Motivating Retreat Experiences

Inspire your community to proclaim and live their faith with Spirit-filled retreats. They will leave motivated with the desire to reach out to others in faith.

Solid Resources

Thoroughly reviewed materials, drawn from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and sacred Scripture, offer participants a rich experience and sound teachings.

Strong Pastoral Support

RENEW's staff works with pastoral leadership and parishioners to ensure a successful effort with strong participation.

Available in Spanish/ Disponible en español

Reach Spanish-speaking Catholics with *¿Por qué ser católico?* resource materials and trainings.

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