



L'ALTO CATHOLIC INSTITUTE
BUILDING A CULTURE OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

RENEWING THE CHURCH BY HELPING PARISHES

FORM DISCIPLES



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, TIM GLEMKOWSKI

Most parishes want to form disciples, but they just don't know how.

I feel passionately that every parish is called to operate out of the Church's core vocation, "to evangelize." Some parishes have started to see great fruits born from doubling down on their mission to form disciples.

However, not every parish has been able to take up this mandate. The roadblocks are many in an average parish: cultural baggage, lack of funds for more staff, overworked priests and staff, the list goes on.

I began to wonder though: perhaps with a clear, proven process and an accompanying presence, even parishes unlikely to change could take up the call to be transformed. Could a lay apostolate work hand-in-hand with parishes to help them bridge the gap?

At every level of church leadership, people are awakening, especially in the face of statistics that reflect a sharp decline in the numbers of Catholics in the U.S., to the need to change their parish culture to become more effective at forming disciples. The problem? Most do not know how. "Where to even begin," we heard pastors saying. L'Alto Catholic Institute is our answer.

Through our Parish Partnership, a nine-month accompanying relationship, we walk a parish step-by-step through a customized renewal process that will see a vision cast for a parish renewed through discipleship.

That is not all we do though. Our parish mission is a dynamic three-night experience that changes lives and our School of Prayer an immersive mini-course exposing lay Catholics to the rich spiritual traditions of the Church so that they can take up a transforming prayer life.

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*a regional, evangelizing leaven
accompanying the local church on its
mission to form disciples.*

48%

how many Catholics believe that
God is personal and you can have a
relationship with Him

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT?

Local renewal through local leaders

Our apostolate is not a consulting agency flying in and out of a parish twice a year and conducting the rest of our work by phone. Our model is to raise up and form local leaders to develop a heart for their area and focus their missional efforts on it. We are planting domestic missionaries, not feeding a corporate office's bottom line. Our leaders walk hand-in-hand with parishes throughout our process and so commit to only working with parishes in their area.

OUR PROCESS

The best way to describe our Parish Partnership is to talk about our Five Key Deliverables. What do we actually help a parish do over nine months?

1. VISION

We cast a vision for missionary discipleship throughout every aspect of parish life

2. CLARITY

We build a clear path to discipleship into the heart of a parish's efforts

3. LEADERS

We gather, form, and train a team of leaders to guide the renewal over the coming years

4. APOSTLES

Begin a process of multiplying person-to-person evangelization by forming 8-12 initial missionary disciples

5. ALIGN

Consult with key ministries to align their vision with an emphasis on discipleship

PHASE 1

PLANT A CHICAGO CHAPTER

The first part of our process has been to prove our concept and model by planting our home chapter in the greater Chicagoland area serving the archdiocese of Chicago, the Diocese of Joliet, and the Diocese of Rockford.

PHASE 2

GROW OUR MISSION

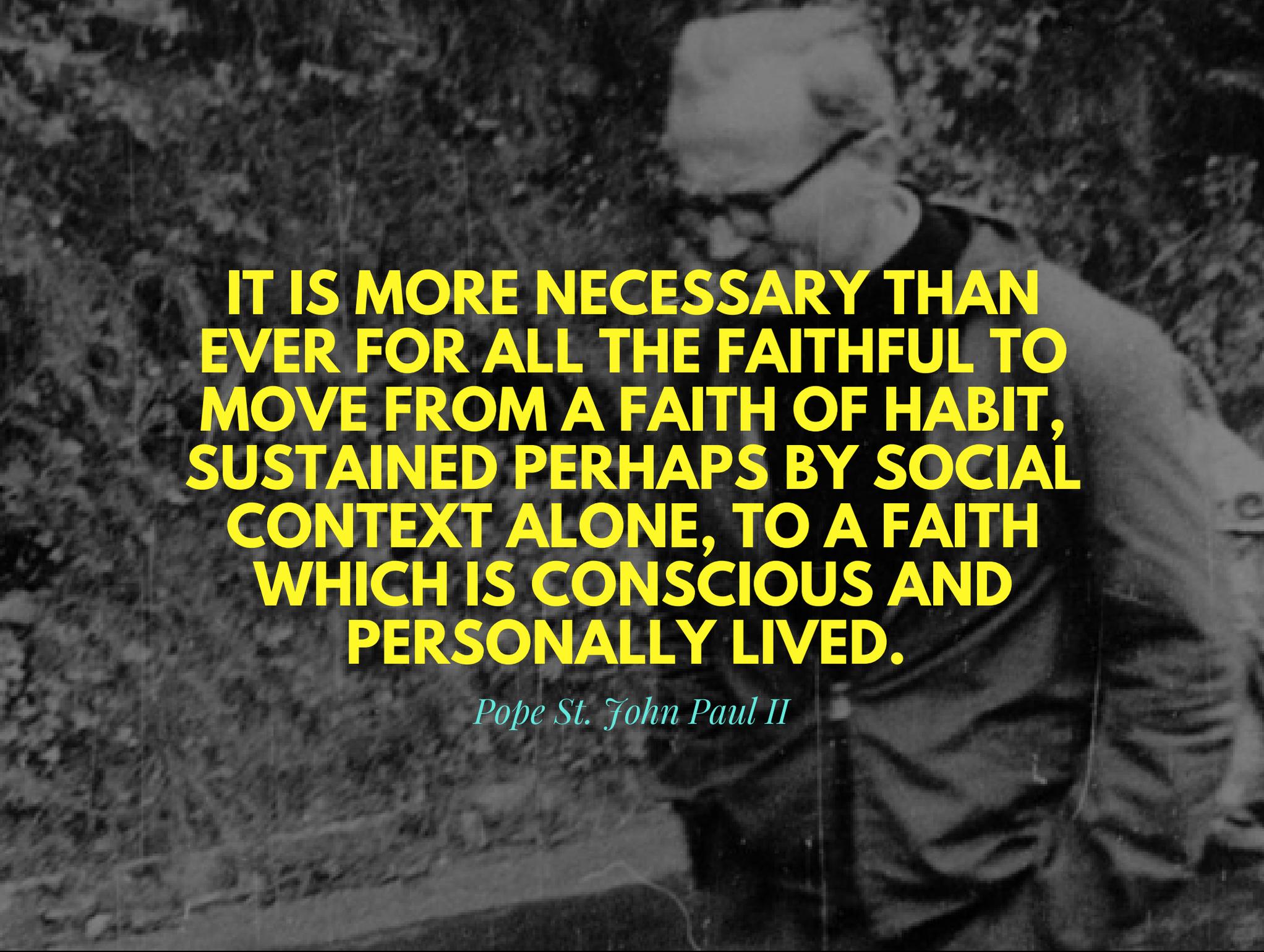
Having proved the concept, we want to expand L'Alto to other areas by recruiting and forming uniquely talented evangelists in populous dioceses to serve as Regional Outreach Directors. They will: 1) renew parishes in the local area through Parish Partnerships, 2) build grassroots renewal through forming missional community and 3) serve the local church through preaching, teaching, events, and leadership development

CORE VALUES

The things that matter to us

- 1) **Profound Orthodoxy:** we are fully Catholic
- 2) **Missionary Option:** we seek to go to the fringes
- 3) **Focus on Local Community:** we serve the local church, we do not replace it
- 4) **Led by the Holy Spirit:** we are an apostolate, not just a business





**IT IS MORE NECESSARY THAN
EVER FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL TO
MOVE FROM A FAITH OF HABIT,
SUSTAINED PERHAPS BY SOCIAL
CONTEXT ALONE, TO A FAITH
WHICH IS CONSCIOUS AND
PERSONALLY LIVED.**

Pope St. John Paul II

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

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