



FOUNDATION 2: INSPIRE DISCIPLESHIP IN EACH BAPTIZED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

Similar to "evangelization," "discipleship" is a word we use often as Catholics. But how often do we stop to think about what discipleship really means? What did Jesus intend for discipleship when he called his first disciples?



This is precisely what **Matt Faley, Chief of Mission for the Diocese of Peoria**, and **Jenny Witt, Director of Evangelization at St. Philomena Parish**, set out to discuss in the latest video from Bishop Tylka's "Five Foundations" series. The series, available at CDOP.org/pastoral-plan/five-foundations, digs deeper into each of the five foundations upon which Growing Disciples is rooted.

In this new video, Matt and Jenny address the following and more:

- ▶ **Being a disciple of Christ requires having a relationship with the person of Jesus.** It means loving Christ, and loving one another. How do we do this?
- ▶ **In Jesus' time, he chose the "unchosen" to change the world.** This means he calls ALL of us to be his disciples, no matter where we are in our faith journeys.
- ▶ **A foundational aspect of discipleship is opening your life up to others, inviting them to encounter Christ with you.** Matt and Jenny share examples of this invitation.
- ▶ **A vibrant parish is one that offers layers of opportunities for reaching people through the head and the heart.** Matt and Jenny walk through what this looks like.
- ▶ **As disciples of Christ, we're not supposed to know it all.** We don't need to have all the answers; we are all on the way. We just need to walk together toward God's grace.



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PASTORAL PLANNING TIMELINE



WHERE WE ARE: PHASE III



PHASE III: DISCERN

2023



- Develop and share initial parish and school configuration proposals.
- Get feedback on the draft proposals at the March Priest Assembly Days and Spring 2023 vicariate meetings with parish leaders.
- Review feedback from the clergy and laity and draft a final set of parish and school configuration proposals.

WHERE WE'RE GOING: PHASE IV



PHASE IV: DECIDE AND IMPLEMENT

2024



- Get feedback on the final parish and school proposals through focus groups with priests and parish discussions with the laity.
- Discuss the final parish configuration proposal at February 2024 Priest Assembly Days.
- The Presbyteral Council meets and makes a recommendation to Bishop Tylka.