

The “Where Work Meets Faith” process is officially recommended as follows:

3-5-2014 *“I am happy to recommend the work of Loquate’s “Where Work Meets Faith.” Thank you for your efforts in witnessing to the faith...and to reach out to help strengthen the faith of other people as well.”* –His Eminence, Cardinal Francis George †

2-12-16 *“Where Work Meets Faith is a unique, parish-based process that helps individuals encounter Christ, grow as disciples, and assists them in applying their faith to the work they do every day. I recommend it to any pastor as part of an overall strategy of parish-based evangelization.”* –Deacon Keith Strohm, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Chicago, 3525 S. Lake Park Avenue|Chicago, IL 60653-1402|312.534.5316 See report X001.9 as follows:



#### **Officially Recommended**

The “Where Work Meets Faith” – New Evangelization program was designed to meet or exceed the standards set forth for New Evangelization by USCCB Catholic Hierarchy. See Research report below. X001.9 –research report-d

Email received 2/12/16 from Director of New Evangelization Archdiocese of Chicago

Hello Jeff,

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Email sent to Director of New Evangelization 9/8/15

Dear Keith,

In this email I would like to make a “Where Work Meets Faith” initiative Clarification, Evaluation in the context of the National Directory of Evangelization, and a Proposed Implementation Strategy. I am open to you totally.

I welcome your thoughts and assistance.

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#### **Research Report**

“Where Work Meets Faith” New Evangelization Parish Program was designed to meet or exceed all requirements for New Evangelization set forth by the National Directory for Catechesis established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

#### **Clarification**

The Where Work Meets Faith (“WWMF”) initiative now seemingly to me includes all aspects of the New Evangelization assuming the parish continues all catechesis as before and adds WWMF. In my email of 9/5/15 to you I enclosed a copy of our retreat booklet. The retreat is one form of the WWMF initiative. Each form of the WWMF initiative has now been evaluated by myself with respect to compliance to the National Directory for New Evangelization. I invite you to please review my evaluation below to see if you concur that the WWMF initiative now includes all aspects of the New Evangelization assuming the parish continues all catechesis as before and adds WWMF.

#### **Evaluation**

I have read the National Directory for Catechesis as it applies to our initiative “Where Work Meets Faith”

(“WWMF”). There is both a significant need for catechesis met and a significant need for catechesis not met by WWMF. The following is arranged in chronological order of the National Directory for Catechesis, USCCB, September 2005.

There is a significant need for catechesis not met by WWMF:

1. WWMF initiative assumes the role of the parish is in place. The sacraments, right of initiation, liturgy and so forth are all taken as a given provided by the parish, not by WWMF.
2. The parish Director of Catechesis is competent and in place and provides the parish plan of catechesis. The Director is in a position to review all New Evangelization initiatives WWMF for fit with their parish.

There is a significant need for catechesis met by WWMF:

1. In general, the WWMF initiative is middle wear for the enculturation of Christian doctrine in the niche WWMF.
2. By middle ware is meant enculturation at work. This is no small niche. For the faithful live out the gospel message largely at work. Everyone works, the student, the housewife, the retiree, as well as the mainstream worker. Work consumes a huge portion of the total time of the faithful.
3. WWMF initiative is the compliment to the pastoral church.
4. The WWMF retreat is “intended to arouse the first signs of faith.” Page 56
5. “All diocese and parishes, in the efforts and resources they focus on the new evangelization, should pursue the following fundamental objectives.” Page 52.

WWMF is intended to meet all objectives, but the WWMF process is like a tight knit ball of fibers, like a golf ball that is interwoven which when smacked, that is launched, has a purposefully designed powerful high speed launch. The velocity comes because WWMF is experiential with formation as a community of peace with several components.

6. The WWMF retreat includes salvation history, finding preferred work, a genuine profession of faith, staying on track moment by moment, joining a small group, Biblical application, all along the theme of where work meets faith.
7. The WWMF Seminar Series is public witnessing of extreme value from God for the common good.
8. The WWMF small group is meant to be a charismatic cross community, emphasizing the role of the cross in vocation as an ongoing resource in the tradition of the early Christian community.
9. The WWMF companion website [www.Loquate.tv](http://www.Loquate.tv) is a clear channel to the goodness of God as seen in published videos from the Seminar Series.
  - a. Social justice of righteous causes
  - b. Community for peace.
  - c. Ecumenical
10. Page 58: “The aim of catechetical activity... is to encourage a living, explicit and fruitful profession of faith (WWMF small group)... while presenting catholic teaching in its entirety (WWMF retreat Salvation History) also



enlightens faith (WWMF small group), directs the heart toward God (WWMF Retreat, fosters participation in the liturgy (example of member of WWMF small group), inspires apostolic activity (WWMF small group concerns about handling a God issue in work), and nurtures a life completely in accord with the spirit of Christ (WWMF small group Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church.)”

11. Page 62 interfaith dialogue and unity promoted (WWMF companion website [www.Loquate.tv](http://www.Loquate.tv) see Dove copy).

12. Page 64 “The new evangelization calls for a clearly conceived, serious and well organized effort to evangelize culture.”

a. WWMF realizes that U.S. culture today suppresses so much about God and religion as offensive to the rights of the atheist and the anti church population, that the person proclaiming the gospel is often put down before opening their mouth.

b. To level the playing field WWMF companion website Loquate.tv speaks of “that which we value the most. Since a significant majority of Americans believe in God according to public polls like the Harris poll, a platform of speaking about “that which one values the most” permits:

i. The God fearing person to explain God as “That which they value the most,”

ii. overcomes the put down, and

iii. in the end God will win. God always wins when a person is serious about examining their life and “that which they value the most.”

c. WWMF companion website Loquate.tv is a community for peace. Both peace and “that which we value the most” offers “compatibility with the Gospel and communion with the universal church.”

i. P 64 “it involves, when necessary, the purification of the elements in the cultures that may be hostile or adverse to the Gospel.

ii. And it involves an invitation to conversion.” P 64

13. Page 67 “Using the media correctly and competently can lead to a genuine enculturation of the gospel.”

a. WWMF companion website Loquate.tv is media. WWMF companion website offers a clear channel to the preciousness of god at work in the lives of ordinary people like you and I.

14. Page 70 “Sacred scripture... Has the preeminent position in the life of the Catholic Church...it strengthens faith, nourishes the soul, and nurtures the spiritual life.”

a. WWMF small group applies scripture in preparation for sharing a concern about handling of something at work that is God related. Other members of the WWMF small group share experience that may be relevant and applicable to the matter at hand.

15. Page 168 “The model of the human community is the Holy Trinity...the very nature of the Trinity is communal and social...people are social by nature...the fact that human beings are social by nature forms a fundamental tenet of catholic social teaching.”

a. WWMF companion 501C3 charity Loquate is a community for peace.



16. Pages 188 and 189 “adult catechesis has 3 major goals... (including) tasks of adult Catechesis”

- a. When taken in conjunction with the maintenance role of the parish which is assumed to be in place, WWMF is consistent with the 3 major goals and meets many of the tasks of adult Catechesis p 189.
- b. WWMF is primarily New Evangelization.
- c. WWMF meets the needs of “Catechesis that is more missionary by intention page 193
- d. WWMF small group is open to retired adults, young adults and mature adults in one group that is more missionary by intention but does not claim by itself to fulfill all the parish needs of providing comprehensive Catechesis to each of these groups. However, the companion website also affirms WWMF missionary intention.

Proposed Implementation Strategy at the diocesan level

1. Director of New Evangelization evaluates WWMF, and if worthy offers WWMF along with Jeff as one form of New Evangelization to those who may be interested as follows.

- a. Bishops ask pastors to evangelize their flock.
- b. Pastors ask parishioners to present in WWMF seminar which forms a WWMF community including a portion who have joined WWMF catholic lay community.

2. WWMF community asks parishioners to go on a retreat: finding your story in God’s Story.

- a. Retreat invites parishioners to join a WWMF small group.
- b. WWMF small group self evangelizes members thru enculturation
- c. WWMF to form a charismatic cross community in the tradition of the early church.

3. Loquate education component encultures small group engagement at work WWMF.

- a. WWMF small group members bring sense of community thru Loquate to work place.
- b. Loquate open source documentation provides at work a communication protocol WWMF.
- i. Immediate increase in engagement occurs thru work seminar series WWMF.

4. Thru Loquate workplace gains greater engagement of participants in seminar set up for workers to share that which they value the most WWMF.

- a. Committed business owners are invited to participate.
- b. Loquate as an interdenominational 501c3 charity grows in credibility as a consultant to business on increased engagement WWMF.
- i. There are three levels of faith: 1. Faith in self, 2. Faith in others, 3. Faith in God. Loquate addresses all 3 levels.
- ii. Thru Loquate workplace offers retreat WWMF

5. WWMF Small groups form at work to share their concerns about their handling of a faith matter at work related to that which they value the most.

a. WWMF small groups help each other overcome their faith matter concerns based on practical experience.

b. Workplace Identity experience shifts to include that which all value the most.

i. A huge increase in engagement occurs at work.

ii. Work profits increase.

iii. Job satisfaction increases.

iv. Retention of employees increases.

v. Attraction ability of top new employees increases.

6. WWMF identified 9 bottlenecks to New Evangelization which Bottlenecks were broken across the board.

a. 9 spiritual awakenings occur across the board.

b. New Evangelization occurs across the board.

7. Bishop meets pastor

8. Pastor meets director of catechesis.

9. All former catechesis stays in place.

10. WWMF new evangelization gets added.

11. Parish goes thru steps above.

12. Workplace goes thru steps above.

13. The world gets acculturated with love of God and love of neighbor thru Loquate shining light on natural law and through the Catholic WWMF initiative.

14. Loquate community for peace grows thru the WWMF initiative.

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