

The Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance

(The Alliance)

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Vision

That every diocese in America has a vibrant ministry to men.

Mission

To equip Catholic clergy and lay leaders to better evangelize, instruct and disciple Catholic men to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Why the Alliance Exists

The Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance exists to help Catholic men across America claim, discover or rediscover the Catholic faith and live with integrity, servant leadership and boldness in their marriages, families, parishes and local communities.

Challenges men face in the Church in America

- There is a serious Catholic "man-crisis";
- Millions have left the faith
- Many that remain fail to practice the faith
- Men are failing to catechize and lead the family
- Families are disintegrating and being redefined nationwide

Men are the essential missing link to the next generation

- Men are failing as spiritual leaders of the family.
- Men are called to defend, lead and bring their families to Christ..
- A base of faithful Catholic men is required for the future of the Church

The failure to Evangelize Men

- Societal roles have changed, techniques to reach men have not
- Most men are not being reached with a compelling message to follow Christ
- Successful methods must be identified and shared
- Clergy must recognize, be willing and be prepared to address the issue.
- Motivated clergy and laymen need tools and techniques to succeed.
- Some Dioceses are awakening to the crisis of and need for men's discipleship.

Strategies

The strategies used to achieve the mission are centered upon shared efforts between clergy and laity and shared best practices for the evangelization of men.

The strategies will include but not be limited to:

- Encouraging men to live unapologetically Catholic lives and become strengthened in the core need for the Sacraments and prayer.
- Identifying successful Catholic men's evangelization efforts and the key elements that make them successful.
- Sharing "best practices" in men's evangelization to support and strengthen regional, diocesan and parish-based efforts.
- Demonstrating measurable men's evangelization and discipleship efforts from throughout the country.

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- Mobilizing leaders of diocesan men's ministries to implement successful approaches to evangelizing large numbers of men
- Engaging bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders and providing them with tools and techniques for successful men's evangelization.

Shared Values - The Alliance:

- Encourages collaboration of clergy and lay leaders to help ensure long-term success in the evangelization of men
- Endorses and supports the role of clergy in paving the way for more successful men's outreach efforts
- Recruits and supports active participation by clergy in expanding men's evangelization ministry to new regions and dioceses.
- Provides guidance and input for lay leaders across country
- Encourages the regular vigorous participation in parish life, including the Sacraments and especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- Endorses and uses the "Evangelization Funnel."
 - Men must be met where they are.
 - "One size fits all" does not work.
 - Different approaches appeal to men across the evangelization spectrum.
- Endorses proactive "hands on" training which enables men's evangelization.
- Serves as a resource to diocesan men's ministries by synthesizing and publishing useful information regarding "best practices"

Structure and Tactics

Consistent with the Alliance's purpose and strategic approach, the Alliance has an organizational structure that includes a Magisterial Advisory Board, Executive Board and Core Teams, Task forces and Committees as needed.

- Magisterial Advisory Board - The Advisory Board exists to draw on the expertise of influential bishops, priests, and deacons to provide guidance, endorsement and adoption of approaches to evangelize and catechize Catholic men. Proposed members include:
 - Cardinals and/or Bishops – TBD
 - Priests and/or Deacons – TBD
- Executive Board - The Executive Board exists to draw key experts together to support the active work of evangelizing and catechizing men:
 - Father Larry Richards
 - Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
 - Kevin O'Brien
 - Robert Tunmire
 - Matthew Christoff
 - Matt Strub
- Laymen - Founders/leaders of top men's evangelization initiatives...etc.
- Core Teams – The operational and planning arm of the Alliance.
 - Outreach Team - strategically connects with leadership groups throughout the country to determine how we can best help evangelization efforts.
 - Men's Spirituality Team – Develop and promote powerful, hard hitting, men's spirituality instructional guidance for men's ministry leaders.

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- Charter development Team – Develop a charter for the CMLA that will be a foundational document to provide direction and purpose to all involved.
- Task Forces – have a short to mid-term task and disbands on accomplishing task

Tactics – The Alliance

- Stimulates active participation by Bishops, priests, deacons, and DRE's which will aid expansion to new geographic regions and dioceses.
- Mobilizes leaders and a broad group of men to pray and fast regularly.
- Increases the practice of fasting, Scripture study, and men's fellowship as essential to effectively evangelize men.
- Increases the awareness of the fullness of Church teaching.
- Teaches and trains men to be confident in their masculinity, knowing that renewing the Church cannot occur without the "muscle" of Catholic men who are on fire for Christ and His Church and who are comfortable in their skin.
- Disseminates best known practices through "leadership summits", conferences, webinars, website resources, et. al... whatever works for the diverse groups we will be serving.
- Emphasizes and implements methods to engage Catholic fathers and younger Catholic men.

Collaborates with subject experts to develop male targeted content.

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