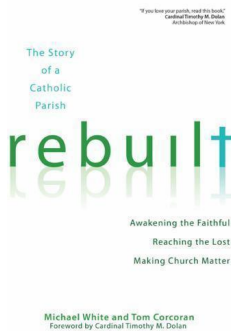




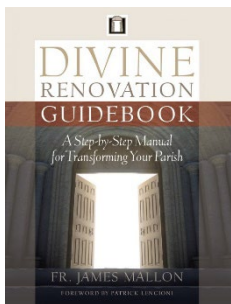
Church Life Survey

Books on Church Health and Vitality



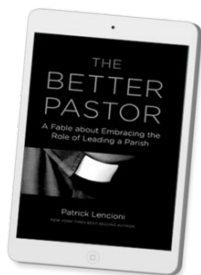
***Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*, Michael White and Tom Corcoran**

This is the story of a Parish in Baltimore, near Washington in the U.S. It tells how they massively improved the life of the parish including an almost tripling of attendance. A key point is working on significantly improving the “weekend experience” provided by the parish.



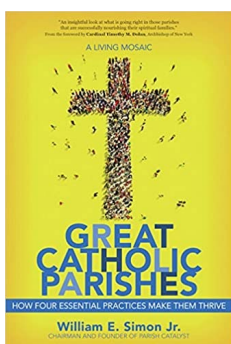
***Divine Renovation Guidebook*, James Mallon**

This Guidebook helps parishes implement the movement from maintenance to Mission which is at the heart of Divine Renovation, and is easier to use than the original book. Its very practical and approachable for everyone in a parish leadership role.



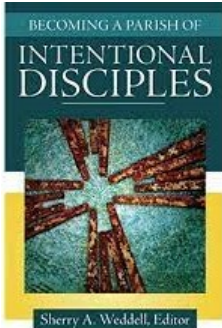
***The Better Pastor*, Patrick Lencioni**

Available as an ebook from the [Amazing Parish website](#), this is a story of a parishioner’s conversation with a Parish Priest about why parishes are actually people organisations like many others, but with the most important role of all, to bring people to Jesus.



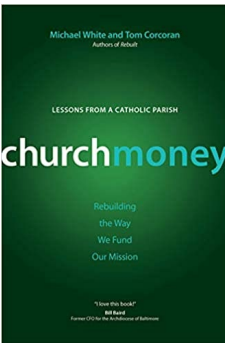
***Great Catholic Parishes* - William E. Simon Jr**

This is a study of 244 Catholic parishes, and what makes them exceptional. It found four areas which are found in all exceptional parishes, to *share leadership, foster spiritual maturity and plan for discipleship, excel on Sundays and intentionally evangelize.*



Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples, Sherry A Weddell

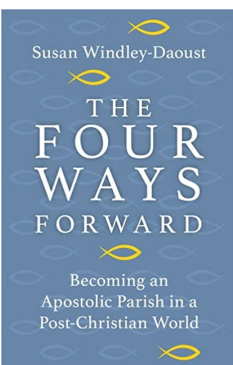
Following up on her understanding that parishes need to be centred on the task of developing disciples, this book is a collection of case studies on how six parishes did just that. It adds to the single stories of parish renewal in other books.



ChurchMoney, Michael White and Tom Corcoran

A lack of funds makes it impossible for many Australian Catholic parishes to evangelise, which makes an understanding of parish fundraising essential. A couple of key extracts: *“There is a secret formula to help convince parishioners to give financially to your church. Just ask them. And when you do, make sure it’s not about the money, and*

...in order for the Australian Church to grow, eventually they’ll need to hire more lay staff for their woefully understaffed parishes. We noted that increased staffing necessitates more money, and that would be the critical path moving forward.”



The Four Ways Forward: Becoming an Apostolic Parish in a Post-Christian World, Susan Windley-Daoust

A very recent addition to the parish planning library, Windley-Daoust looks at an overall plan for parish renewal, though her last way forward is a bit of a different angle...

- Radical hospitality and proclamation
- The practice of spiritual multiplication
- Organizational mission (re)focus
- Highlighting divine signs and wonders in our midst



Websites on Parish Health and Vitality

Alive in the Spirit Conference

This Australian and New Zealand conference brings together a range of speakers on pastoral, and in particular parish ministry

<https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

Amazing Parish

Led by management guru Pat Lencioni, Amazing Parish offers coaching to priests and parish leaders, and holds an annual conference in the U.S.

<https://amazingparish.org>

Australian Catholics Parish Life Newsletter

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/signup-parish-life>

Catholic Christian Outreach™

CCO is a university student movement dedicated to evangelization. We challenge young adults to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world

<https://cco.ca/parish/>

Pastoral Ministry Network

This Australian and New Zealand network brings together all those involved in parish ministry including Diocesan Directors of Evangelisation, Priests and Pastoral Associates.

<https://pastoralministrynetwork.org/>

Renew international

Renew provides resources to help build personal faith and parish life — especially by unlocking the power of small groups

<https://www.renewintl.org/>

Parish Catalyst

Parish Catalyst is the department of Renew that helps parishes experience renewal through a process of collaborative learning and strategic planning.

<https://www.paritycatalyst.org/>

CaFE

CaFE or Catholic Faith Exploration offers resources similar to Alpha and often used as a follow up to Alpha, building faith and small groups

<https://faithcafe.org/>

NCLS Research

Australia's NCLS Research is a treasure trove of information across all Australian churches, and has much information on Catholic parish life and how to improve it. Martin Teulan is the Catholic Church Co-ordinator

<https://www.ncls.org.au/categories/churches/>

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Beautifully written resources on evangelization

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization>



CARA

CARA is auspiced by Georgetown University and is the key Catholic pastoral research office in the U.S. Many interesting reports

<https://cara.georgetown.edu/>

Amazing Parish

Amazing Parish is a U.S coaching organisation for Parish Priests and other Parish leaders. Coaching is becoming common in all churches in the U.S and more recently Australia.

<https://amazingparish.org/>

Formed

Formed offers high quality formation materials for both individual and group use, across a wide variety of topics. Lots of Alpha and small group opportunities

<https://formed.org/>

Rebuilt Parish Association

Church of the Nativity Parish in Baltimore in the U.S. is a model parish which has become an Association dedicated to helping other parishes become vital centres for growing missionary disciples.

RebuiltParishAssociation.com

National Centre for Pastoral Research

The Bishops Conference research team, the site has some good resources and especially a social profile for every parish in Australia.

<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/>

Paulist Evangelisation Ministries

Paulist Evangelisation Ministries has been producing quality evangelization materials for many years and is now offering webinars on how to evangelise.

<https://www.pemdc.org/>

Divine Renovation

Divine Renovation started in the Canadian Parish of St Benedict's in Halifax Canada, moving from Maintenance to Mission and has become a renewal movement for all Catholic parishes, with an office in Australia.

<https://www.divinerenovation.org>

National Centre for Evangelisation

The National Centre for Evangelisation of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference publishes a newsletter and holds national conferences on evangelization

www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

Alpha in a Catholic Context

Alpha is the highest quality program for an introduction to Christianity in the world. It is also great for all Catholics to undertake to refresh and invigorate your faith

<https://www.alpha.org.au/catholic-context>



Diocesan links with Evangelisation and Pastoral Planning sites where available

Adelaide	https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/
Armidale	https://armidale.catholic.org.au/evangelisation-catechesis/
Ballarat	https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry
Bathurst	https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/
Brisbane	https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/
Broken Bay	https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/parish-renewal-discipleship
Broome	https://broome-diocese.org/
Bunbury	https://bunburycatholic.org.au/our-people/pastoral-office/
Cairns	https://cairns.catholic.org.au/
Canberra and Goulburn	https://cgcatholic.org.au/
Darwin	http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/
Geraldton	https://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au/life-mission/parish-life-mission
Hobart	https://hobart.catholic.org.au/beliefs-and-works/evangelisation-catechesis/
Lismore	https://www.lismorediocese.org/
Melbourne	https://melbournecatholic.org/live/proclaim-office-for-mission-renewal
Maitland-Newcastle	https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/pastoral-ministries/
Parramatta	https://parracatholic.org/
Perth	https://www.parishrenewal.com.au/
Rockhampton	https://rok.catholic.net.au/



Sale	https://www.cdsale.org.au/pastoral-ministry
Sandhurst	https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/
Sydney	https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/
Toowoomba	https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/
Townsville	https://www.tsv.catholic.org.au/news-events/becoming-new-in-christ/
Wagga Wagga	https://wagga.catholic.org.au/
Wilcannia-Forbes	https://www.wf.catholic.org.au/mission-services/faith-formation/
Wollongong	https://www.dow.org.au/directory/office-of-the-bishop/office-of-renewal-and-evangelisation/
Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross	http://www.ordinariate.org.au/
Syro Malabar Diocese	https://syromalabar.org.au/evangelisation
Chaldean Diocese	https://www.stthomaschaldean.org.au/
Ukrainian Diocese	https://catholicukes.org.au/
Melkite Diocese	https://www.melkite.org.au/
Maronite Diocese	https://www.maronite.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=198&Itemid=901
Military Diocese	http://military.catholic.org.au/