



Week 1 HOPE

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26–38 (The Annunciation and Visitation)

DIVINE RENOVATION BOOK READING: Introduction: **House of Cards** and Chapter 1: **House of Prayer, Remembering Our Identity and Purpose** (p. 9–25)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Of all the crises that we can name in the Church today, “our deepest crisis is an identity crisis...we have forgotten who we are and what we are called to do as a Church.” (p. 13)
- If we exist for mission, what is the mission of the Church? Jesus gave four tasks: go, make, baptize and teach. The task of making disciples is central. (p. 19-20)
- A disciple of Jesus is “engaged in a lifelong process of learning from and about Jesus.” (p. 20) We are, “not to just make believers, or ‘practicing Catholics,’ but to make disciples.” (p. 22)
- “Being a Church of disciples is just part of our calling.” We must also go outward and fulfill our missionary nature to share Jesus with others and to evangelize. (p. 24)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If you had only one word to describe the purpose of your parish, what would it be?
- If your parishioners had only one word to describe the purpose of your parish, what would it be? (You may want to ask ten people after Mass.)
- At present, what types of activities take up most of the time, talent, and treasure of your parish?
- How does your parish live out the command to make disciples? How do you personally live it out?
- How do people in your parish speak about Jesus? Do they speak about a **relationship** with Jesus, or is it simply an intellectual knowledge **about** Jesus that is shared?
- How have you encountered Jesus in your life (e.g., through sacraments, prayer, people, ministry, devoti

Please join us for one of our small groups (below). E-mail stephanie.p@stmalachi.org for more information or parishcollaboration44113@gmail.com to submit your ideas if you can't attend a group.

Sundays

11:00am
St. Malachi
Hall

Mondays

10:00am
St. Malachi
Meeting Room

Tuesdays

6:00pm
Via ZOOM

Wednesdays

6:10pm
St. Patrick – Faith Form.
Conf. Room

Saturdays

8:30am
St. Patrick – Faith Form.
Conf. Room

