

Week 2

FRUSTRATION

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1–13 (Temptation of Jesus in the Desert)



DIVINE RENOVATION BOOK READING: Chapter 2: Rebuild My House, From Vatican II to Pope Francis and Chapter 3: House of Pain, Experience of a Maintenance Church (p. 27–5)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The roots of our modern focus on evangelization are found in the Second Vatican Council. With each successive pope, from St. Pope John Paul II, who coined the phrase “New Evangelization,” to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who emphasized a “personal encounter and personal relationship with Jesus” to Pope Francis, a deeper understanding of evangelization has developed. (p. 27–41)
- Yet, despite the conversation on evangelization since the Council, “our Church is sick. The root of this sickness is our deep forgetfulness of our deepest identity: that we are missionary, that we are a Church ‘called to come out from itself.’” (p. 43)
- To heal, we must first acknowledge the pain, understand it, learn from it, and finally offer it to God. (p. 44)
- There is much pain in the Church but “our pain can become suffering...and suffering can be redeemed.” (p. 57) We must not stop at the acknowledgment of pain — “Redemption from our suffering... [calls us] to action, to make changes and reforms.” (p. 58)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- To what extent is your parish enabling “the universal call to holiness” and “the universal call to mission” from the Second Vatican Council? Does your parish’s mission field go beyond registered parishioners? Why or why not?
- What pain and suffering have you experienced in recent years? What has caused this pain and suffering? How has it impacted your commitment to the Church?
- How did the clergy sexual abuse scandal affect your commitment to the Church?
- How has your trust in priests, religious, and the Church changed over time?
- How have you experienced ethnic and cultural conflicts? What impact has conflict had on the community?
- How have you seen healing take shape in your personal life, in your parish, or the broader Church to address pain and suffering? What can be done to continue the healing process? What gets in the way of healing?
- Are you proud to be Catholic? Why or why not?

Free copies of the book are available by calling 216-631-6872.

Please join us for one of our small group discussions (below). If you can’t attend a group, you can submit your ideas to parishcollaboration44113@gmail.com.

Tuesday’s Zoom link can be found at stpatrickbridge.org/divine-renovation-book-study-mission/

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

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