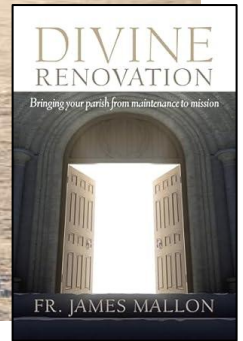


Week 6

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:35–41 (Jesus in the Boat)



DIVINE RENOVATION BOOK READING: Chapter 5: Laying the Foundation, How to Transform the Culture of the Parish Community (section three, p. 164–195)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Seek to find and invest in people’s God-given talents. When people lead and serve with their strengths they have great impact. (p. 166–167)
- To care for people and encourage their growth as disciples, there is a need for both “temporary, community-based formation and permanent groups where people truly belong and are cared for.” (p. 175)
- Experiencing the Holy Spirit was crucial for the beginning of the Church and for the New Evangelization. The issue we have is that “we continue to be more comfortable with the idea of the Holy Spirit rather than the experience of the Spirit.” (p. 182)
- We need to design opportunities outside of the liturgy through which we can personally invite those who are disengaged, disillusioned, or disconnected from the Church and offer places of welcome and engagement. (p. 191–194)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Strengths-based ministry:** How are parishioners’ strengths identified, nourished, formed, and celebrated for ministry? What are the programs or ways of assessing members’ strengths and linking them to the needs of the parish and the Church at large? How can you use your own strengths and talents to bring about the mission of the Church?
- **Small community groups:** Are small, faith-sharing community groups present in your parish? How do you see these as valuable? Are your leaders well-trained?
- **Holy Spirit:** How have you encountered the Holy Spirit at work in your parish? How do others encounter the Holy Spirit in your parish? Do people talk about and share these experiences?
- **Becoming an inviting church:** If you were inviting a guest to your parish to what would you bring them? Who was the last person you invited? When and to what? What might hold you or others back? Should Sunday Mass be the first thing to which you invite someone? Why or why not?

Please join us for any of our small groups (below). You may attend a different one each week as your schedule permits. Free books available at parish offices. Please e-mail parishcollaboration44113@gmail.com to submit your thoughts on this chapter 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