

The Renewal - Apostolate Cycle: Overall Parish Assessment

The Renewal - Apostolate Cycle is a way of describing a central dynamic of Christian life. The Cycle focuses our attention on the Christian's movement between being renewed in baptismal identity and purpose and living as instruments of God's love and grace in daily life. The Cycle is interested in both the individual's movement and in the ways in which the parish church supports and facilitates that movement. This is the primary task of any parish church.

Notes on your parish in relationship to each paragraph

RENEWAL

Renewal in baptismal identity and purpose in worship, study, the parish's social life, and being equipped for Christian action



APOSTOLATE

Participation in the work of Christ in service, evangelization and stewardship

In areas of:

- Workplace - Family & Friends
- Civic Life - Church

A Cycle

The cycle is between a conscious and intentional attention to God, prayer life, our relationships, Christian formation **and** a subconscious reliance upon God as members of the Body of Christ, in the workplace, family, friendship, civic life and congregational life.

In that Cycle:

We need:

To accept our dependence on God

Which is helped by:

Openness to spiritual guidance

Which the parish helps by:

An emphasis in its life on worship; nothing comes before the Eucharist and Daily Office. Also, more attention to formation and spiritual growth than other programs or ministries.

Very Weak

1 2 3 4 5 6

Very Strong

To accept responsibility for ordering our spiritual life

Establishing a rule of life

Offering programs and guidance in creating, experimenting with, and revising a spiritual discipline.

Very Weak

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Very Strong

To accept our interdependence with others in the Church

Life in Christian community, a parish church

Being a healthy and faithful parish church and by helping people relate to the parish community in ways appropriate to their personality and the parish's capacities. Having opportunities for social life and the development of friendships.

Very Weak

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Very Strong