Encounter's Summer Call to the New Evangelization in 2026!

Our Mission

Encounter School of Ministry draws upon the richness of Catholic Tradition to equip Catholics to live as missionary disciples—hearing God's voice, walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, and bringing the healing love of Jesus to their families and parishes.

Together, we respond to the call of Saint John Paul II and the Church's mission of the New Evangelization: *"I sense that the moment has come to commit all of the Church's energies to a new evangelization."* — Saint Pope John Paul II

The Reality We Face

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(Sources: Pew Research and the Holy See Annuarium Statisticum Ecclesiae, 1963–2023)

Indicator	1965	2020	Change
Weekly Mass Attendance	55%	20%	↓ 64%
Catholic Marriages	335,000	100,000	↓ 72%
Catholic School Enrollment	5.2 Million	1.6 Million	↓ 69%
Priests in the U.S.	59,000	35,000	↓ 41%
Frequent Confession	38%	3%	↓ 92%

We have no time to waist. The future of the Church will be shaped by faithful men and women like you in Encounter who answer God's call.

You Can Help
Encounter **Summer Intensive** equips Catholics to proclaim the Gospel, encounter the Holy Spirit, pray with power, disciple others, and bring God's love to their homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

What if renewal began with us?

Join us for **Encounter Summer Intensive 2026**—four inspiring evenings, July 27–30, from 6–9 p.m. at the Mother of God campus, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD.

Register today and step into God's mission for this generation. Become part of the renewal He is bringing to His Church.

Register here: SummerIntensive.org

Equipping Catholics for Mission, Evangelization, Healing, and Discipleship.

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