



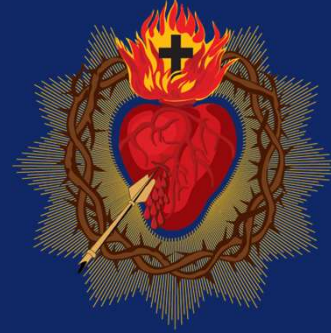
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Building Fraternity & Leading a Small Group



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Session objectives:

- 1) Introduce framework for Fraternity**
- 2) Tips on how to lead a small group**



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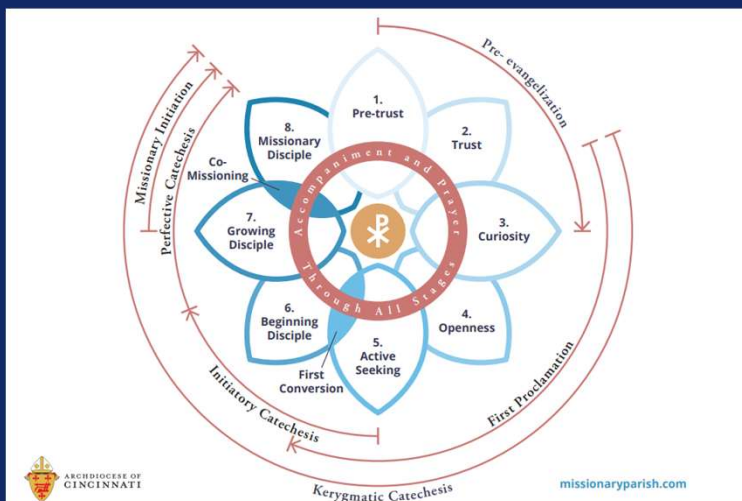
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Fraternity – shoulder to shoulder



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Pope Francis



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Leading small groups

Small groups *can* be a time for fraternity
if the group has *trust* and if it is lead well.

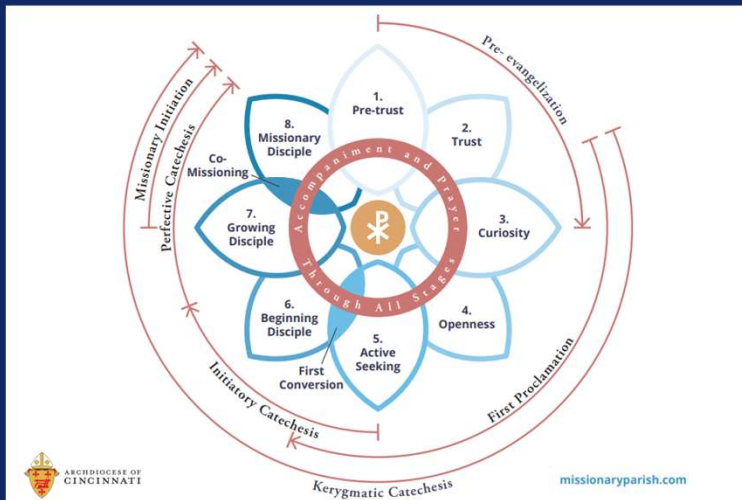


Fraternity and *Cor*

Not “either or”,
But “*both and*”



Fraternity – shoulder to shoulder & face to face



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Things that will stall your small groups success:

1. Unclear expectations (therapy or classroom?)
2. Asking “yes” or “no” questions
3. Filling in the silence with a monologue
4. Speaking more than the entire group
5. Side conversations
6. Oversharing

Leading Small Groups - Table Activity

Conversation starters:

1. What does it mean to be a man in our present culture?
2. Who are the men that you admire and why? What attributes or virtues do you admire in them?
3. What are some aspects of St. Joseph's masculinity that surprise you? Why?
4. What is an area in your life that you need to cultivate or change in order to follow St. Joseph's example of masculinity?

