

# Light to the World

## The Incredible Mission of the Laity



*“let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father  
who is in heaven.”*

*- Matthew 5:16*

This third year of the National Eucharistic Revival is the Year of Mission, in which we are called to share the Good News of the amazing gift of the Eucharist to those we love. Jesus is the answer to our deepest longings, and we want others to be able to share in the love, peace, and joy He brings.

Growing in our understanding of who we are in Jesus can help us in these efforts. Diving into Church documents, this series will explore this call and how we may respond to it. We will explore:

- **How the Holy Spirit has prepared and equipped us for this moment in history**
- **How we may each grow in our relationship with Christ in the Eucharist**
- **The special call and mission of the laity**
- **How the laity may collaborate effectively with the clergy in bringing Christ to the world**

By the end of this course, you will have a more complete understanding of what has been going on in the Church since the Second Vatican Council, of what the Second Vatican Council actually called for, and of what we may do to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as He renews the world. **See session descriptions on the next page.**

For those who attended the Diocese-wide Eucharistic Convocation in June, this will expand on that amazing last talk by Lucas Pollice. **But you do not need to have attended the Convocation to attend these talks.**

**Join us!**



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**All sessions**

**9:00-11:30am**

**St. Joseph, Grand Junction  
and by Zoom**

### **Sept. 21, 2024 Session 1: The Holy Spirit has the Answer for Our Current Problems**

**Description:** This session will focus on how the Holy Spirit has been speaking to the Church for the past 100 years, preparing Her for these times and equipping Her for Her mission in the world. We will see how this message is for each of us and can lead us closer to Jesus.

**Suggested Reading:** St. Paul VI, *Paths of the Church*; Vatican II Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Vatican II Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*; Fr. Blake Britton, *Reclaiming Vatican II: What it (Really) Said, What it Means, and How it Calls us to Renew the Church*

### **Oct. 12, 2024 Session 2: How to Find Fulfillment and Become a Saint**

**Description:** This session will focus on how each of us personally and the Church are renewed by our contact with God in the Sacred Liturgy and in Sacred Scripture. We will examine how such renewal is called for by the Vatican II documents on the liturgy and divine revelation and will discuss how we may more profitably implement this renewal in our own lives and in our parishes.

**Suggested Reading:** Vatican II Constitution on the Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*; Vatican II Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*

### **Nov. 23, 2024 Session 3: The Answer to Our Deepest Longings**

**Description:** This session will focus on Jesus as the answer to our deepest longings and the longings of the people we meet in the world. We will also look more specifically at the role of the laity in the evangelization of the world and will assess both the successes and failures in this area since the Second Vatican Council.

**Suggested Reading:** Vatican II Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes*; Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*

### **Jan. 18, 2025 Session 4: Transform the World**

**Description:** This session will explore the call of the laity to transform the world as expressed in the life and work of St. John Paul II. We will focus mostly on his exhortation specifically on this topic but will also look at some of his other works.

**Suggested Reading:** St. John Paul II, *The Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People (Christifidelis Laici)*

### **Feb. 15, 2025 Session 5: Jesus Walks with You**

**Description:** This session will look at the current situation in the Church. We will see how Pope Francis' work *The Joy of the Gospel* is in line with what the Holy Spirit has been doing and calls us to a deeper encounter with Christ that impels us into the world to bring the life-giving message of salvation and mercy to all.

**Suggested Reading:** Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*

To register for the Zoom sessions, go to: <https://www.diopueblo.org/be-equipped>