



The Catholic Church
of Philadelphia

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A Church; Outward Facing

In the Philadelphia region, **83% of Catholics are not active in the sacramental life** of the Church. And millions of others aren't Catholic yet. That's not a statistic—it's a *mission field*.

We see this as a golden opportunity... not only to evangelize to those around us, but also to pursue the great commission. While others are asking "Should we close parishes?" we're asking: "**Where does the Church need to be? And how does the church need to be?**"

The Trust and Hope Initiative



We are embarking on a concerted process to renew the Church of Philadelphia over the next 20 years, not by managing decline, but by investing in growth. We're moving from maintenance mode to missionary mode.

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Our Faith doesn't end on Sundays. It is an integral part of who we are, every day, and every where.

What is a Missionary Hub?

Simply put, Missionary Hubs are the mechanism for pursuing growth over maintenance.

Missionary hubs are dedicated teams who focus their time, energy, and resources to serve people who feel far from the Church by integrating pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries. Hubs are planted in existing parishes but with a focus to bring everyone to the Eucharistic table.

The Vision:

- **50 hubs in 10 years** (1 for every 5 parishes)
- **First five launched in 2025**—one per county
- **Privately funded** to ensure long-term sustainability.

How They Work:

- **Professionally staffed teams** under parish leadership, trained in missionary discipleship
- **Tailored to local needs:** Each hub tailors its programs & ministries to the unique needs of its local community, whatever they may be.
- **Collaborative network:** Connecting parishes, schools, Catholic Charities, and religious communities for a unified mission
- **Relationship-focused:** Our goal is to facilitate stronger, deeper relationships among individuals, families, and with God.

From Listening to Action

The Trust and Hope Initiative emerged from **100+ listening sessions** with more than **15,000 participants**. What we heard is that the Church of Philadelphia is poised for growth, but in order to grow, we must first shift from a mindset of crisis to a one of hope. This is where the true mission begins.

What Makes Missionary Hubs Different?



Mission Over Maintenance Resources flow toward evangelization, not just keeping the lights on. Every decision asks: Does this help us reach outward?

Professional Missionaries Full-time trained staff who can build sustained relationships and coordinate complex ministry partnerships across parish boundaries.

Growth Mindset We're not consolidating—we're expanding into new territory. We're planting, not pruning.

Integrated Mission Schools aren't just schools. Parishes aren't just sacrament factories. Catholic Charities isn't separate. Everything works together to encounter and accompany.

Join Us Philadelphia Needs YOU

Whether you're discerning a call to ministry, looking for a place where the Church is moving forward with courage, or simply feel called to be part of something bigger—we **invite you into this work.**

Three Ways to Engage

1. **Pray** with us for a bold renewal of faith, hope, and trust in our Church.
2. **Serve** Missionary hubs need missionary hearts. If God is stirring something in you, let's talk about how you can be part of Philadelphia's renewal.
3. **Stay Connected** Follow our journey. See what happens when a Church decides to trust God and hope boldly. Who knows? You might find inspiration for your own corner of the Kingdom.

Stay Connected

Follow Us On Our Journey of Renewal

