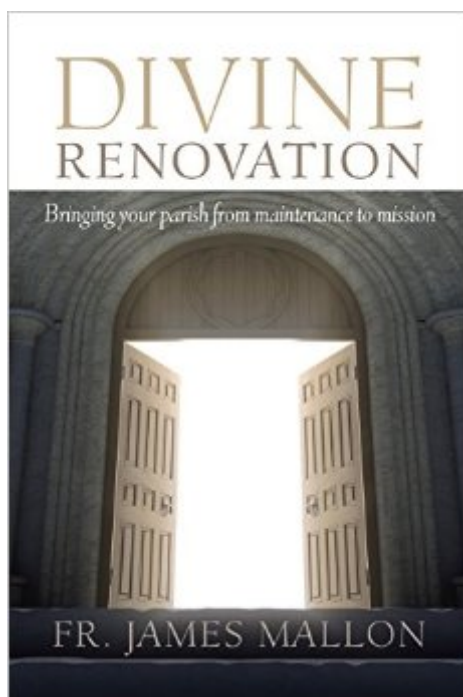


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# Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish From Maintenance To Mission



## Synopsis

An engaging guide for parishes seeking to cultivate communities of discipleship and vibrant, dynamic faith. Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelization, Fr. James Mallon shares with us the many ways for bringing our parishes to life. Through humorous and colorful stories, Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the good news with all peoples. Accessible and engaging, *Divine Renovation* turns to the Church's many writings on evangelization and mission so as to articulate practical ways for injecting new life into our parishes. Pastors and parish ministers will be inspired by this book and turn to it for many years to come.

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I have been involved in helping create environments inside Catholic structures that foster the "New Evangelization" for nearly 15 years. My experience has been with parishes and lay apostolates. The lack of good models to copy is frustrating. *Divine Renovation* might be the best book I have read for practical implementation of proven best practices. It is a must read for anyone who hopes to see their parish implement the reforms Pope Francis calls for in *Evangelii Gaudium*, and move from maintenance to missionary discipleship. I found this book to be more helpful than many of the popular Catholic best sellers on this topic. Father Mallon's highly intentional (and successful) focus on the encounter piece (personal friendship with Jesus) is what differentiates this book from others like it. Rebuilding a parish without a highly intentional focus on encountering Jesus in the power of

the Holy Spirit is like building a house on sand (Matthew 7:26). Buy as many copies as you can and give them away!!

Exactly what needs to be talked about in our parishes and dioceses. This isn't about being conservative or liberal. This book is about being missionary. It's about living out the Great Commission. This needs to be the vision for our parishes. This book helps explain how any parish can live out Pope Francis' dream for the Church which has become turned in on herself. "I dream of a missionary option, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." (Evangelli Gaudium, no. 27) I'm a pastor and have been a priest for 10 years. This book was absolutely inspiring. Why were we not talking about these things in the seminary? I have a few lay people reading the book and they are beginning to see the vision and have found it to be an amazing, fascinating read. Recommended for anyone discontent with the lack of intentional disciples in their parish.

This is a great book to read after *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddel. Fr. Mallon's perspective as a parish priest provides a rich insight into how God is going to revive the Catholic Church!

I post very few reviews, but I feel compelled to recommend this book. Fr. Mallon is passionate about being a priest and it shows in this book. He first describes the problem and then provides a number of suggestions for transforming your parish. Wonderful book.

I'm a Protestant Christian--so appreciating the heart, insight, desire to learn from the entire body of Christ, and both theological and practical wisdom--that my dear evangelical Catholic brother Father James Mallon displays. This is a book that all church leaders can learn from. In my work for Alpha I'm recommending it to every parish looking at or considering doing Alpha. The CHURCH (every community of faith that calls on the name of Christ) needs divine renovation and reviving--this book is a HUGE step in the right direction.

Excellent book. Made me think outside the typical parish box and challenged me to "keep it real" and do something effective for the renovation of the Church. Highly recommended for anyone in

leadership or anyone who works in the church or anyone who is interested in teaming up with their pastor to make a difference in their parish. This book makes you want to get up and do something, loved it.

God bless Father James for the courage and boldness for stating the truth of what everyone in the Catholic church sees, but pretends doesn't exist. We need to stop doing things the same, old, ineffective ways in order to see change. The answer is in the basics and the foundation of our faith, which is the Kerygma. We have been running the ChristLife Catholic Evangelization series here in NY since 2010 which does this beautifully!! I love this book and already bought 6 copies to give away. I highly recommend this book if you care about your parish. Get one copy for yourself and one for your pastor.

A great perspective on how to reinvigorate your local parish. Through welcoming and prayer and evangelization. This book can help while diocese to light a fire under its priests and congregations. Used wisely accompanied by prayer and fasting all things are possible. This book just makes it easier.

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