

Gratitude Report

2024





With Gratitude

In 2024, we witnessed something truly remarkable — donors' *generosity in action*. With faithfulness and joy, you have helped transform lives and ignite parish renewal across the world. Because of you, more parishes are embracing mission, more people are encountering Christ, and a movement of renewal is growing stronger every day.

Thank you for making this possible through your prayers and support.



Fr James Mallon
 Founder

This past year, our ministry has once again been overwhelmed by the continuing hunger for parish renewal throughout the world. I have been blessed to speak with and learn from many incredible priests and bishops during these last few months. As a supporter of our ministry, you may have heard me say

that pastoring a parish through change is very difficult. It is, and I love it.

What I love more is to hear these same feelings expressed by my brother priests worldwide, priests who have been blessed by our ministry's accompaniment with them as they journey on this difficult road towards health and renewal. We hear of their struggles and walk with them so that they are re-invigorated in their vital role as a leader and pastor of their parish.

Your financial support of Divine Renovation Ministry is critical to making all of this happen. So, while I may not be your parish priest, I want to thank you on behalf of parish priests across the globe. Thank you for your support of Divine Renovation so that it can continue to support priests like me as we continue our work in making missionary disciples, transforming our parishes and, in turn, our world.

May the Lord continue to bless our work and each of you with abundance.

At a Divine Renovation event, I was sitting next to Archbishop Zbignevs Stankevičs from Latvia. At one point, he leaned over to me and said: "I had to totally rearrange my schedule to be here. I was supposed to be at the king's birthday party today." As it turns out, the archbishop had been invited to the embassy for the celebration in Riga. "But I had to cancel so I could be here. The Holy Spirit wanted me here instead." My jaw nearly hit the floor. I'd like to think Divine Renovation does a good job putting on events, but wow ... that's quite a profound choice. The sacrifices that bishops, priests, and lay leaders are making for the sake of mission are incredible. I learned a lot from sitting next to him. "Dan, it's about priorities. What are my priorities? I'm an evangelist, I want people to know Jesus. So, I'm here."

Dan O'Rourke
 President



Are your priorities that clear?

The growing number of bishops and priests who have a fire in their hearts for parish renewal is phenomenal. In this Gratitude Report, you will get just a tiny glimpse of what God has done through Divine Renovation because of your financial support.

And, as you reflect on your giving this year, I invite you to discern your priorities just like the Archbishop. I pray you feel called to give to Divine Renovation for the sake of bishops and priests like him. You may have to sacrifice a birthday party for a king, but is it a sacrifice you'd be willing to make for The King?

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Divine Renovation catalyzes
a movement of parishes.

At Divine Renovation, our vision is for

**Every Catholic parish in the world
to be missional.**

We will do this by focusing on our mission to

**inspire, connect, and equip parishes to be missional,
and through them bring people to Jesus.**

And by God's grace and the support of people like you, together we will catalyze the
tipping point of renewal in the global Church by equipping

33,000 parishes to become mission-focused by 2033.





HIGHLIGHT

Catholic Parish Summit



Photo by Toni Cop

Global conference equips hundreds from around the world for mission

From June 12-14, 2024, nearly 1,000 bishops, priests, and parish leaders gathered in Harrogate, England for the Catholic Parish Summit.

With a vision of *sending disciples, equipping leaders, and launching the transformation of our nations*, the three-day conference focused on giving parishes

the tools to cast off on the journey of parish renewal, while empowering those already on the journey to inspire others and multiply their impact.

“I was amazed at the number of bishops. I was amazed at the number of priests. I just did not think there would be so many – that stunned me actually. That just gives a huge amount of hope. There is hope! And it looks like the Lord is doing something.”

– Priest attendee

“I’ve now seen an inspiring vision of a Church I want to be a part of, one that demonstrates the love of God I’ve personally experienced and want others to know about too.”

– Lay attendee

“I have returned with a renewed encounter with the Holy Spirit, full of new ideas, plans and hope for the future of my parish I am really excited for this new chapter we are about to enter.”

– Priest attendee



HIGHLIGHT

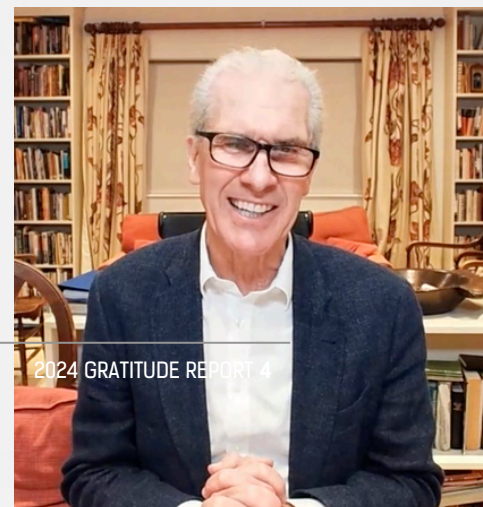
Re-Representing Jesus: Sharing Christ in Contemporary Culture

Our largest online gathering of 2024

In November 2024, Divine Renovation and Alpha co-hosted the global online event *Re-Representing Jesus: Sharing Christ in Contemporary Culture*, featuring Fr. James Mallon, Jonathan Roumie, Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, and Nicky Gumbel.

Together, they explored practical ways to share Christ in today's world, inspiring clergy and lay leaders alike to bring the Gospel to life in their parishes. This momentous gathering reaffirmed the movement's mission to transform parishes worldwide.

With over 7,000 people from 93 countries registered, the event highlighted the universal hunger for renewal and mission. Notably, over half of the attendees were new to Divine Renovation, underscoring its growing global impact.



7K+ registered
93 countries
3,900 new to Divine
Renovation



**RE-PRESENTING
JESUS** Sharing Christ in
Contemporary Culture



Fr. James
Mallon



Jonathan
Roumie



Nicky
Gumbel

NOVEMBER 12
12 PM Pacific • 2 PM Central
4 PM Atlantic • 8 PM London

NOVEMBER 13
7 AM Sydney
9 AM Christchurch

YOUR IMPACT

Fuelling mission, transforming parishes:

The numbers behind the movement.

COACHING



1,240+ Priests | **41** Countries | **11** Languages

Since 2016, over a thousand priests from 41 countries have been equipped to lead disciple-making parishes through coaching offered in 11 different languages.



103 Countries represented in this global movement



29,000+ Parish leaders equipped for mission through events



5,100+ Priests connected with us



6,800 Parishes connected with us



20 Online events
32 In-person events
1 Conference



1M+ USERS REACHED ONLINE stewarding the movement with support and stories of hope



140,000+ COPIES SOLD
TRANSLATED INTO 11 LANGUAGES

Now available in Traditional Chinese and Polish

93,000+ IN 2024 ENGAGEMENTS



11,600+ ATTENDEES AT OUR EVENTS



17,500+ EVENT REPLAYS



42,000+ INTERACTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



22,000+ PARISH LEADERS RECEIVING UPDATES FROM DIVINE RENOVATION

The renewal of the Church is crucial now more than ever.

Because of your support, something incredible is happening.

Parishes worldwide are awakening to their missionary calling—bringing people to Jesus in powerful new ways. It’s not easy, but it’s working. And yet, the need has never been greater.

Cultural shifts, shrinking attendance, and a growing hunger for truth make one thing clear: the Church must be renewed, parish by parish. The parish remains indispensable to the Church’s mission, and mission is this: to bring people to Jesus.

The challenges of proclaiming the Gospel today highlight an urgent need for transformation—one many parishes have yet to embrace. But even as the path forward is demanding, we know this: the Holy Spirit is at work. A movement is unfolding,

and we are all invited to take part in this great mission of evangelization.

This is why your support matters.

Looking toward 2033, imagine the impact of 33,000 mission-focused parishes — each one a beacon of light, each one reaching people with the love of Jesus. That is the tipping point. That is the future we’re building together.

With your help, Divine Renovation is guiding parishes to become vibrant communities of mission — so that more people, in more places, can encounter Christ.

Thank you for being part of this movement. **Your generosity is not only renewing parishes — it’s bringing people to Jesus.**

Will you help bring people to Jesus?

Three ways you can help:



Pray

Support the work of parish renewal through your prayers: Scan the QR code to download a copy of the *Prayer for Parish Renewal*.



Give

As an independent Catholic ministry, Divine Renovation is donor-funded and does not receive funding from the hierarchy or institutions of the Church. We invite you to make a gift to Divine Renovation in support of parish renewal around the world.



Partner

If your organization supports priests and evangelization, we invite you to partner with us. Contact us at development@divinerenovation.org for ways to join the movement and support the momentum.

SUPPORT FROM OUR CLERGY



Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ
Emeritus Archbishop,
Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Canada

"I've become acquainted with parishes that have adopted the Divine Renovation vision and have been transformed thereby. My hope is that many more parishes may be set on fire and equipped to help lay leaders become truly missional, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ as missionary disciples by the Jubilee Year 2025!"



Archbishop Zbignevs Stankevics
Archdiocese of Riga, Latvia

"I see Divine Renovation as an excellent tool for the renewal of the parish."



Bishop David J. Oakley
Diocese of Northampton, England

"I am more than pleased to endorse this breathtaking and bold plan of Divine Renovation. Recent popes, since the middle of the Twentieth Century, have encouraged us to become more intentionally missional. The two thousandth anniversary of our Saviour's death and resurrection is an awe-inspiring encouragement to take this encouragement more seriously. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will move our hearts and minds."



Bishop John Adams
Diocese of Palmerston North,
New Zealand

"If you are contemplating the Divine Renovation 'philosophy' in your parish I would judge this opportunity as being indispensable."



Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archdiocese of Vancouver, Canada

"Divine Renovation has been a very effective and popular catalyst for parish renewal. The one-on-one formation and the extraordinary range and depth of resources are certainly worth consideration by any priest, parish or diocese looking for ways to foster renewal and empower evangelization in their own setting."



Bishop Andrew Cozzens
Diocese of Crookston, MN

"I am grateful for the fire of evangelization spreading in my diocese and other places through the work of Divine Renovation."



Bishop Michael Gielen
Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand

"Challenging times call for clear vision and bold leadership. The world is hungering for the witness of a dynamic Church that has embraced her missionary identity. Grounded in Scripture and Sacred Tradition, Divine Renovation offers just such an example: clear vision and a concise framework for the challenges we are all facing. It provides the practical tools in bringing about significant renewal."



Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC
Diocese of Saint John, Canada

"I am enthusiastic about this initiative and encourage any pastor, parish, or diocese that is serious about building thriving, Christ-centred and mission-oriented parishes ... to connect with Divine Renovation today!"



Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan
Diocese of Waterford and Lismore,
Ireland

“2033 is an immensely significant time not only in the history of the Church but of the whole world – 2000 years since the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Saviour. It encourages us to do something really significant and meaningful. I fully endorse this plan of Divine Renovation to launch a new initiative which helps us to focus on who and what is ultimately essential – Jesus Christ and the Redemption He brings.”



Bishop Philip Egan
Diocese of Portsmouth England

“Thank you to Divine Renovation for all the wonderful work you do to assist the renewal of the Church in our time. Let us in prayer implore the Holy Spirit to make us grow in holiness, thus equipping us to bring many more people into communion with Jesus Christ.”



Bishop John Keenan
Diocese of Paisley, Scotland

“I hope many parishes across the world will join in this mission and create a tipping point for the reconciliation of our world with the LORD and His Gospel of life.”



Archbishop William M. Joensen
Diocese of Des Moines, IA

“Your anointed efforts and collaboration are a great grace and source of evangelical promise in our Diocese. May this initiative bear even greater fruit for our Universal Church!”



Bishop Thomas Dowd
Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie,
Canada

“I have seen the Divine Renovation movement grow since its very beginnings. The core insights it provides are essential for the health of our communities as we move from maintenance to mission.”



Bishop Robert J. McManus
Diocese of Worcester, MA

“At our Diocesan Annual Clergy Assembly, I invited two presenters to speak about the work of Divine Renovation to the priests. The presentations were well received and generated an enthusiasm for the goals of Divine Renovation: to make our parishes communities that form missionary disciples on fire with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that promote a commitment to ongoing conversion to the mission of the New Evangelization. Already 9 parishes are at various stages in implementing Divine Renovation. I strongly support Divine Renovation as a means of parish renewal.”



Bishop Patrick McKinney
Diocese of Nottingham, England

A great initiative. May the Lord bless, direct, and give it growth!

IMPACT STORY

"We have five students each week asking for baptism."

The Paroisse Etudiante de Toulouse in France is putting mission and evangelization first – and young people are coming to faith in droves.

While still in seminary, French priest Father Antoine Laviale interned with Divine Renovation for a year. Now ordained and in his first year of priesthood, Father Antoine has hit the ground running. As the Assistant Priest of the Student Parish in Toulouse – a parish without territory and focused on the student population – he is ministering to the largest concentration of college students in France.

The parish is unique, yet the overarching principles of Divine Renovation are at work. Their Leadership Team oversees smaller teams representing each of the parish's four fraternities, composed of pri-

ests, young families and students – reflecting the unique structure of this student-focused parish. In 2024, they had 110 students in OCIA, with 20 baptisms during Easter. In 2025, they expect more than 250. Father Antoine states, "We have five students each week asking for baptism."

The parish has a vision of these students going out as missionary disciples, continuing renewal in parishes and cities across France.



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"I was not afraid anymore to mention over and over again this personal relationship with Jesus Christ."



Fr. Mark Begly of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown, PA, shares the story of renewal unfolding in his parish. "Divine Renovation was with us as we began that journey."



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For Melissa and Cody, faith “just wasn’t at the forefront of our lives.” But through intentional ministry, St. Patrick’s Parish in Yorkville, IL re-engaged them with the Church.

St. Patrick’s Parish in Yorkville, IL, has been committed to parish renewal since its pastor, Father Matt Lamoureux, attended the DR16 Conference in Halifax. He entered into coaching with Divine Renovation, formed a Senior Leadership Team and started Alpha in the parish, and the trajectory of the parish dramatically changed towards mission.

Melissa and Cody Hedquist have been directly impacted by this missional change. They started attending the parish just to give their children a faith foundation. However, they soon discovered it was a place not only for their children’s faith formation but theirs also.

As part of its focus on evangelization, St. Patrick’s has a program wherein parents and children are disciplined at the same monthly events.

Although a cradle Catholic, Melissa says she found herself learning things about her faith for the first time. It has been a turning point where they have come to have a personal relationship with Jesus that has transformed their family.



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“The whole thing about making disciples is now front and centre.”



When Fr. Keith Herrera went to St. Mary’s Cathedral in Aberdeen, Scotland, he firmly believed, “We’ve got a purpose, and we’re not just going to sit around.” Watch the transformation unfold at the Cathedral.



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Donor story

“The love of God makes us do great things.”

St. Philip Neri

WHY I GIVE

“Giving is a profound joy.”

Chris Bailey lives in Melbourne, Australia, with his wife, Kelsie, and their six-month-old daughter. Chris grew up as a cradle Catholic but struggled in his teens when his inherited faith clashed with the thinking of his secular peers. He says, “Attending World Youth Day when I was 19 catalysed a living faith in me.”

Today, he is an active part of his local parish and passionate about parish renewal: “It’s easy to feel love for humanity in the abstract; it’s often challenging to love our neighbours in the up-close reality of our local parish. Renewal at the parish level brings Christ’s love to life in the everyday encounters we have with those around us.”

He observes: “It’s the people next to us in the pews, our neighbours, who reveal the true call to love one another as Christ loves us.... Parish renewal transforms this local reality, helping us see the Church not just as an abstract ideal but as a familial encounter.”

Chris and Kelsie are also generous supporters of Divine Renovation. For them, giving is part of their family’s mission.

“Giving is a profound joy,” Chris shares. It’s his family’s way of “contributing to the Church’s mission, offering what we can in service to God.” He has chosen to support the ministry “because Divine Renovation focuses on renewal and transformation driven by the Holy Spirit. Many ministries today are on life support, directing resources into administration rather than into spiritually fruitful initiatives. Divine Renovation, however, has a vision wherein the Holy Spirit can fully operate, taking each donation and multiplying its impact.”

Overall, Chris is hopeful for the future and sees the immense potential in the Catholic Church becoming missional both locally and globally: “I pray that, secure in this identity, it [the Church] will set the world on fire.”



Chris Bailey
Melbourne, Australia

MAKE AN IMPACT

Ways to give

Give now

Become a monthly donor or make a one-time gift by visiting our secure online giving portal at divinerenovation.org/give.

Planned Giving

Divine Renovation welcomes gifts made through planned giving arrangements. Please contact us at development@divinerenovation.org for more information about these planned giving options:



Gift in your will or bequest
is the simplest way to leave a legacy to support parish renewal for future generations.



Gift of securities or stocks
is one of the most cost-effective ways to donate immediately or in the future through a gift in your will.



Donor Advised Funds and Foundations

Grants made to Divine Renovation help ensure that you support the aspects of our work that are most meaningful to you.

Contact us at development@divinerenovation.org for other planned gifts such as gifts of real property, retirement assets, or endowments.



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