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## MEMORANDUM

18 November 2019

**TO:** All Diocesan Priests and Deacons  
**FR:** Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L.  
**RE:** *ChristLife* Training Conference: March 27-28, 2020  
**Cc:** Reverend Monsignor David L. James, V.G.  
Miss Annie Sarlo

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When Bishops are asked about their biggest concern after the protection of youth, inevitably the response is finding new ways to evangelize our people.

To this end, the Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization will be focusing more on your parishes in fostering a culture of evangelization and missionary discipleship at a local level. I look forward to seeing great fruit come from the efforts of the small team.

While they embark on this new path and begin to develop initiatives, the Office for Catholic Life and Evangelization is hosting a training conference for pastors and pastoral leadership who want to learn about one way to foster evangelization at the parish level. They are hosting a "*ChristLife* Training Conference" on March 27 & 28, 2020 at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Hamburg.

The *ChristLife* series is one that offers parishes an evangelization process, not just one more program to run. The series follows three stages of missionary discipleship formation: Discovering Christ (7 weeks), Following Christ (7 weeks) and Sharing Christ (7 weeks). The *ChristLife* resource is an excellent way to kick off an evangelization process in the parish. It fosters community, is centered on the “kerygma,” and provides participants with a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. Parishes who have run *ChristLife* have experienced great renewal and transformation.

To learn more about *ChristLife*, please visit their website: <https://christlife.org/christlife-series>.

Also, please visit <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/ChristLife> to register a team from your parish for the Diocesan *ChristLife* Training.

While this is not mandated, I strongly encourage you to consider sending a leadership team from your parish to the training to learn more about *ChristLife*. If you are interested in learning about other ways that the Office for Catholic Life and Evangelization can support you and your parish, please contact [annie@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:annie@allentowndiocese.org).

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.