

Playing our part in the *evangelisation* of the nations, the *revitalisation* of the church and the *transformation* of society.

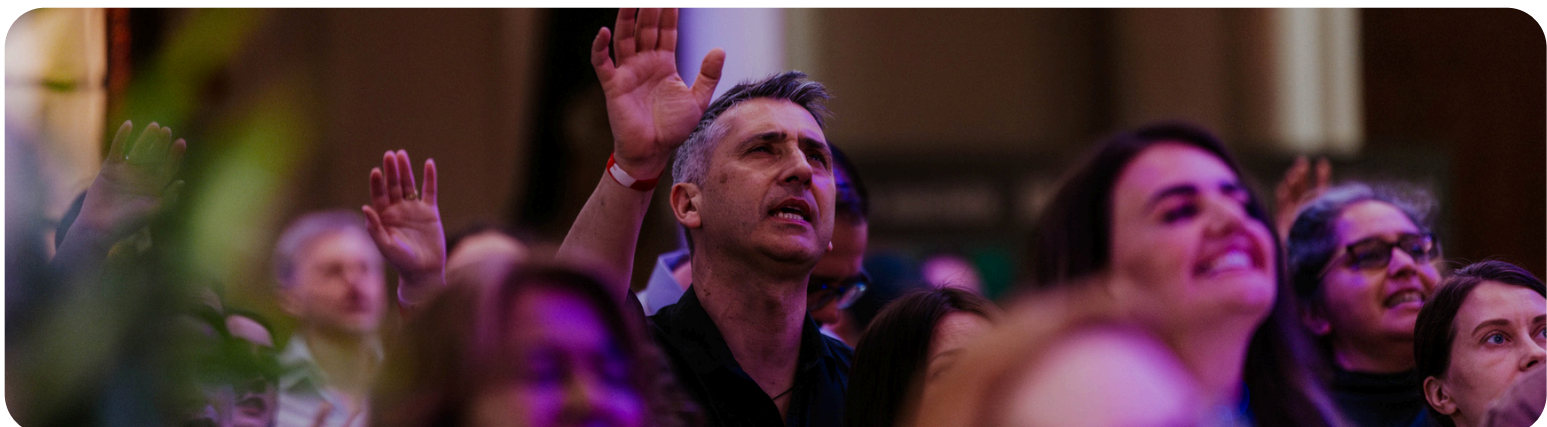


# ALPHA

IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



*2025 Impact Report*



# A Catalyst for Renewal

This past year, we have seen remarkable growth in Alpha in the Catholic Church. Over **418,006** people explored faith and were invited to discover and develop a relationship with Jesus through Alpha in the Catholic Church - some for the first time, others experiencing renewal in their faith.

The majority of Alpha courses were run for the emerging generations. This milestone signals that engaging young people is often the catalyst for broader renewal. Alpha continues to create the space for all - the hopeful, the doubtful, the curious, and the questioning - to explore life, faith, and meaning. In the Jubilee Year of Hope, we were reminded that spaces of invitation, such as through Alpha, can animate the missionary identity of the Church and realise our shared vision of synodal evangelisation.

As we look ahead to 2033, we do so with confidence and hope, trusting that God is at work as we play our part in the evangelisation of the nations, the revitalisation of the Church, and the transformation of society.

*Kitty*



**Kitty Kay Shuttleworth**  
Global Senior Vice President  
Director of Alpha in a Catholic Context



## A STORY THROUGH THE STATS

In 2025, **7,138** Catholic churches and organisations, including **5,711** Catholic churches, ran **14,471** Alpha courses for **418,006** participants. This represented a **26%** growth in participants, alongside continued expansion into new regions such as Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Over 52% of Alpha courses in the Catholic Church are now run for the emerging generations. This is above the global average and highlights the opportunity and the growing impact of Alpha Youth in the Catholic Church in engaging the emerging generations.



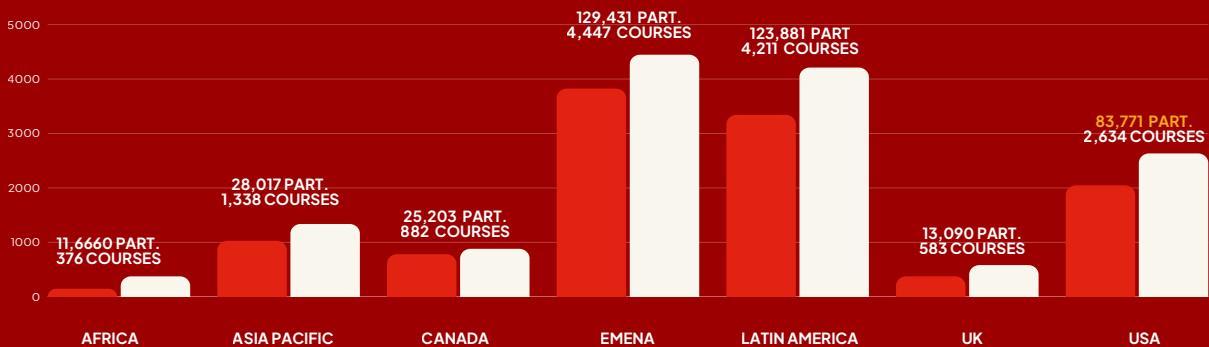
**7,138**  
CHURCHES & ORGS



**14,471**  
COURSES



**418,006**  
PARTICIPANTS



**'24-'25: A 26% INCREASE IN COURSES AND PARTICIPANTS GLOBALLY**

# *The Impact*

## **WE THANK GOD FOR THE THREE MILLION PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPLORED FAITH THROUGH ALPHA IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

There is a remarkable foundation established in this 'chapter' of Alpha in the Catholic Church. Globally, there have been over 3,000,000 participants since 2015 with Alpha in the Catholic context currently representing 15% of all participants (2025).

We know that every statistic represents a story of someone exploring questions of faith, life and meaning through the life of the Church. This impact also reflects a firm foundation from which we can look to the 'next chapter' as we realise our dream to invite everyone, everywhere to discover and develop a relationship with Jesus.



# *The Opportunity*

## **THERE ARE MORE THAN 1.4 BILLION CATHOLICS, GLOBALLY**

The Catholic Church today represents half of the Body of Christ and nearly 1 in 5 people. Through the Catholic Church, Alpha can truly pursue our vision of the evangelisation of the nations, the revitalisation of the Church and the transformation of society.

We see the opportunity before us as twofold, to invite every Catholic into:

**1. THE MISSION OF  
EVANGELISATION**

**2. AN INITIAL OR RENEWED  
ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS**

# Around the World

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

## The Evangelisation of the Nations

Throughout 2025, Alpha continued to intentionally serve and support Catholic Parishes, schools, ministries, movements, organisations and dioceses. This was marked by unity, collaboration, and a commitment to renewal in the aspirations of a missionary synodality. From Leadership Conference, our partnership with Divine Renovation or our involvement in the Jubilee Year of Hope, Alpha sought to serve the Church at significant moments of encounter, discipleship and mission.



*"Over the Alpha, Jesus reignited my faith in ways I never expected... Now my heart is full knowing I have found a community of genuine friends with whom I can laugh, pray, and grow in Christ together*

**Guest**  
Cathedral, Hong Kong



# Collaboration in Renewal

Collaboration was a core global priority for 2025. Our relationship with Divine Renovation further strengthened Alpha's role as a first step within journeys towards parish renewal. Two major global online events - **Hope on the Horizon** and **Overflow: Mission of Joy** - gathered more than 2,500 bishops, priests, and lay leaders from across the world. They reinforced our belief that renewal stems from placing an invitation into relationship with Jesus as the centre of parish life; an invitation for anyone, anywhere.

Cardinal Ambo captured this spirit: **the Church must be "ever-ancient, ever-new... disposed for renewal in response to the changing signs of the times."**

This partnership extended into further regional events such as **Made for Mission** and the **Hope and Renewal Summit**.

The **Jubilee Year of Hope** provided a powerful moment of unity for the global Church. Alpha was honoured to be present at the **Jubilee of Communications**, the **Jubilee of Teenagers**, and the **Jubilee of Youth** in Rome. Ongoing conversations with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life regarding **World Youth Day 2027** also reflect the growing trust and collaboration between Alpha and the Catholic Church.

Throughout the year, Alpha continued working closely with Church leaders and regional teams to ensure that its resources and formation initiatives remain deeply attentive to the realities of the Catholic Church across cultures. This included contributing to the **Alpha Series** and **Alpha Youth Series** as well as the development of localised **Training Suites** and **Catholic Engagement Toolkits**. This integrated approach has helped Alpha serve the Church with resources that are relevant, engaging, accessible and responsive to diverse pastoral contexts.



## Leadership Conference

**Leadership Conference** was a powerful expression of unity in mission. Masses gathered more than 300 participants, Catholic voices contributed to the main stage programme, and the **Global Catholic Alpha Gathering** welcomed several hundred leaders.

In the days leading up to the Conference, senior Catholic leaders from Australia, Canada, Asia and the United States came together for a leadership experience that included a **Catholic Leaders Renewal Summit**.

As one participant reflected, "*gathering with Catholic leaders in a convivial environment... we went deeper into our own ecclesial story and mission.*" The strong response to this experience has already encouraged plans to expand similar opportunities in the coming year.

*"Alpha is great. It radiates the gospel to a world that is desperately in need of a spiritual dimension. Falling in love with Jesus and getting involved in parish, that's music to a Bishop's ears."*

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**  
Australia



# Catalytic Momentum

In 2025, Africa emerged as one of the most dynamic regions for Alpha in the Catholic Church, marked by strong engagement with bishops and senior church leaders, the formation of local leaders, and rapid growth in parishes and communities. Across several countries, Alpha was increasingly integrated into strategies for intergenerational evangelisation.



*"Alpha is a highly effective tool that draws young people to the Gospel, guiding them to encounter Christ in a way that fosters a personal relationship with Him.*

*It equips individuals to engage deeply with the Gospel, articulate their beliefs, understand their faith, and live it out authentically"*

**Mons. Charles Kasibante**  
Vicar General Kampala  
Archdiocese

# Africa





**214**  
**CHURCHES & ORGS**



**376**  
**COURSES**



**11,600**  
**PARTICIPANTS**

## Realising a Vision for Synodal Evangelisation

At the Catholic Leadership Summit hosted by CHARIS in Tanzania, Alpha was presented as a tool for evangelisation across Africa, with a particular focus on engaging young people and strengthening collaboration between parishes, movements, ministries and ecclesial communities. Leaders from across the continent expressed a shared urgency to reach the emerging generations using 'new methods', recognising Alpha as a culturally resonant pathway to see new generations raised up in the life and mission of the Church.

One leader, Epimack Mbetemi from Tanzania, shared: *"the church is too far from the youth and we don't know how to reach them, we still use old methods to deliver the message. Alpha is opening our eyes to new ways of reaching the youth."*

This vision quickly translated into growth. For example, in Uganda, Alpha expanded rapidly under newly appointed Catholic engagement leaders, with courses multiplying across parishes, universities, chaplaincies, and movements - growing from 4 courses in 2024 to 142 in 2025.

Strategic gatherings such as the Alpha Kerygma Breakfast and training initiatives in Catholic universities equipped youth leaders and pastoral teams to create spaces where young people could encounter Jesus. Partnerships with organisations such as NET Ministries have further strengthened this ecosystem of evangelisation.

Across Southern and Eastern Africa, a renewed missionary vision is also taking shape. In South Africa, conversations and training with diocesan leaders, parish teams, the Salesians of Don Bosco, and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference have opened pathways for broader diocesan engagement.

In Kenya, collaboration with Catholic education networks and diocesan leadership has begun to introduce Alpha within schools and parishes. Together, these developments demonstrate that where episcopal leadership, youth engagement, and local formation converge, Alpha is helping parishes rediscover a culture of mission across Africa.



### VOICE OF THE CHURCH

## What are African leaders saying about Alpha?

*"The youth in my country are going astray. With Alpha - they will find reason to understand that they are the future and the now of the Church! May God bless you all in Jesus name, Amen!"*

**Cyprian Dolo**  
Liberia



*"Alpha is the way to go in order to reach the young generations - to get to them with what they can relate and inspire them to have a relationship with Christ."*

**Liliama Muihaki**  
Kenya

*"My hope for Alpha in Lesotho is that Jesus reclaims hearts of all Africa back to himself."*

**Maleshoane Motebang**  
Lesotho

# Emerging Paths for Evangelisation

Across Asia Pacific, 2025 marked a year of growing visibility, deeper relationships with Church leaders, and expanding support for the Church's missionary calling.

From the Asian Mission Congress to new diocesan initiatives, Alpha served bishops, clergy, and lay leaders seeking practical ways to invite people into a relationship with Jesus. In a region marked by cultural diversity and rapid change, Alpha is helping create welcoming spaces where people of every generation can explore faith and encounter Christ



*"During Alpha, I discovered a new and refreshing way of evangelization. Alpha gave me a safe space to share my thoughts and to listen to others' experiences too. Alpha became my outlet – my safe space. Alpha didn't just help me grow closer to God – it also helped me grow into the person He's calling me to be."*

**Ronel**  
Cebu, Philippines

# Asia Pacific



**637**  
CHURCHES & ORGS



**1,338**  
COURSES



**28,017**  
PARTICIPANTS

# Walking Together on a 'Great Pilgrimage of Hope'

The **Great Pilgrimage of Hope**, the theme of the **Asian Mission Congress** convened by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences in Penang, became a defining moment for Alpha across Asia Pacific. Gathering more than 1,000 delegates - including 10 Cardinals and over 100 Bishops - the Congress created space for the Church to reflect together on evangelisation in a rapidly changing cultural landscape.

During the Congress, Alpha shared its vision toward 2033, contributed a session on engaging young people through Alpha Youth, and connected with bishops, clergy, and lay leaders exploring new approaches to mission. Beyond the formal programme, the gathering became a significant relational moment, with many Church leaders expressing interest in how Alpha could help support their strategies for evangelisation.

This momentum continued through the **Alpha Regional Gathering** and the launch of a pilot Evangelisation Incubator, equipping more than 100 Catholic leaders to explore how Alpha could serve their parishes and dioceses. Collaboration with The Chosen at the **Asia Catholic Vision Summit** further encouraged creative approaches to evangelisation, bringing together storytelling within culture, and models of accompaniment and discipleship.

Across the region, this vision translated into concrete opportunities. In Vietnam, more than 400 clergy and lay leaders gathered for Alpha envisioning in Vinh and Saigon, leading to immediate parish implementation. In Malaysia, the **Global Chinese Alpha Conference** strengthened engagement with the Chinese Catholic Church. In New Zealand, over 500 leaders gathered at the **Hope and Renewal Summit**, where Alpha was focused on as a key pathway to parish renewal.

At the local level, new foundations for parish life and mission are emerging. In Hong Kong Cathedral, weekly Alpha gatherings now welcome up to 80 guests in an atmosphere of hospitality and prayer. In Cebu, the Faith Hub has become a centre for young adult formation and missionary sending, demonstrating how Alpha can help foster a culture of encounter, discipleship, and mission within the life of the Church.



## VOICE OF THE CHURCH

### What does Church renewal through Alpha look like?

*"Alpha is a tool for spreading the Gospel, an environment that creates a culture of discipleship and a pipeline of leaders. If you really put your heart into it, you can actually see the culture of your parish change."*

Fr Patrik Palenik  
Taiwan



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# Australia



YEAR IN REVIEW

## Intergenerational Renewal

Across Australia, 2025 was marked by growing momentum through the launch of the new Alpha Youth Series and strengthened partnerships with dioceses and Catholic education networks.

Alpha is increasingly helping parishes and schools create intentional pathways for young people to encounter Jesus and grow in faith. Across the country, a clear pattern is emerging: when the emerging generations encounter Christ, families are drawn back to the Church and parish life is renewed.



VOICE OF THE GUEST

### What does intergenerational accompaniment through Alpha look like?

*"It was like coming home because everyone was just so welcoming. And I got to explore questions that I didn't even know I had."*

Chilli and Elke  
Tasmania, Australia



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*'With Alpha, we don't insist on people coming to church, it's their decision.*

*It creates an opportunity for people to listen and then vulnerably share their thoughts on the topics.*

*Now it's actually happened, and they've even stepped up to become leaders in the church, which is great! This is the fruit of years of trying to sow the seeds of evangelisation."*

**Bishop Rene Ramirez**  
Melbourne, Australia



## Emerging Pathways

From national conferences to school engagement initiatives, Alpha increasingly served as a first or next step in helping young people encounter Jesus and begin a journey of discipleship.

Alpha had a significant presence at the **Ignite Conferences** in Brisbane and Sydney, Australia's largest Catholic youth gatherings, reaching more than 3,000 young people, clergy, educators, and leaders.

This momentum continued through **The Way of Hope Catholic Conference**, hosted by Alpha Australia in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney. More than 200 Catholic leaders gathered for prayer, formation, and reflection on missionary renewal. Themes such as invitation, leadership development, intergenerational evangelisation, and reliance on the Holy Spirit shaped the gathering, reinforcing Alpha as a means of helping parishes cultivate a culture of mission.

One participant expressed they **"felt the grace of being affirmed and renewed in my experience of the love of Jesus and my call to mission"** whilst another left **"inspired to do more at a Parish level and continue to spread the message of Jesus Christ!"**

At the same time, significant new opportunities are emerging within Catholic education. Alpha was introduced across Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, serving more than 125,000 students across 250 schools. This will begin with a system wide Alpha for teachers in Term 2 2026 and followed by student engagement in Term 3, this initiative represents one of the most significant examples globally of integrating Alpha within Catholic education.

# Canada

YEAR IN REVIEW

## Inviting Everyone into Renewal

Canada continues to demonstrate how collaborative efforts across dioceses, movements, and ministries can support lasting parish renewal.

Through partnership with Divine Renovation and local Church leaders, Alpha is helping parishes rediscover their missionary calling. Across the country, leaders are embracing Alpha not simply as a course, but as a way of fostering a culture of invitation and encounter within parish life.



*"After years of Alpha, I realized the more you do Alpha, if you do it right, the core values seep into your church.*

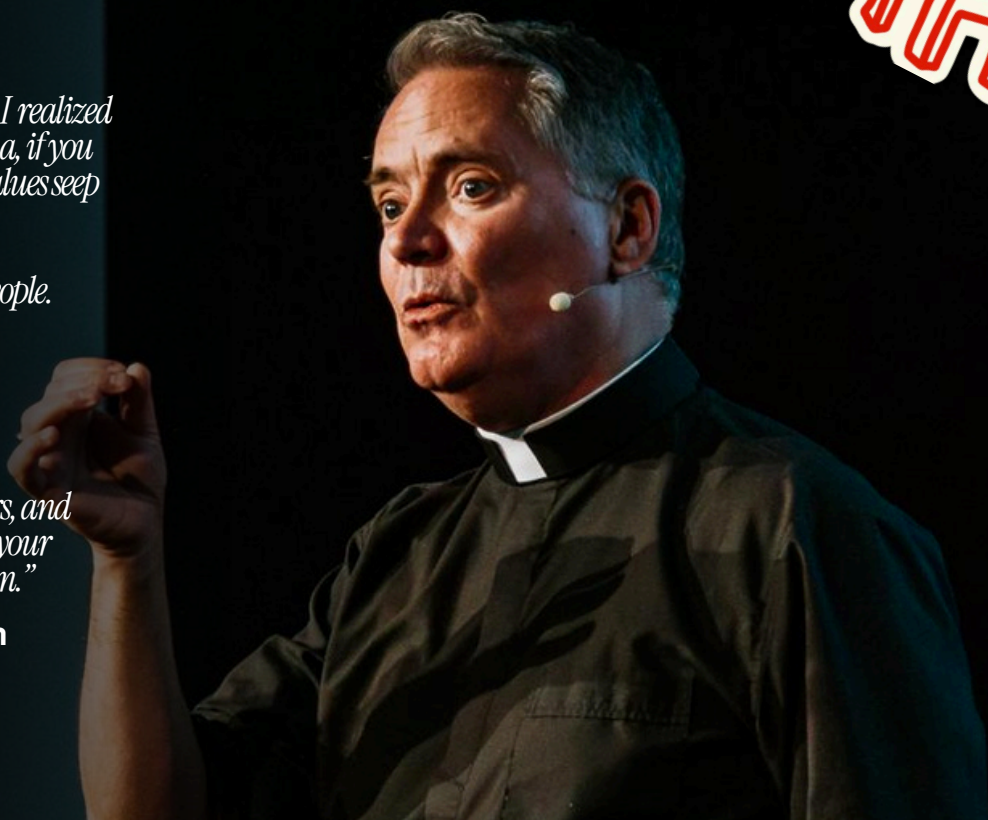
*You're mobilizing people.*

*You're evangelizing.*

*You're discipling.*

*You're raising leaders, and slowly, the culture of your church will transform."*

**Fr James Mallon**  
Canada



A YEAR OF ENGAGEMENT



**381**  
CHURCHES & ORGS



**882**  
COURSES



**25,203**  
PARTICIPANTS

## Revitalisation of St Willibrord's

St. Ignatius of Loyola parish, once on life support, has seen extraordinary renewal over the past 8 years through Alpha and Divine Renovation. Their influence has now extended to St. Willibrord Parish, which was experiencing rapid decline.

With the blessing of the Bishop, St. Ignatius sent teams along with a one year commitment to the new parish, contributing time and finances, to help St. Willibrord. In just over two years, Sunday attendance grew from 30 to over 300. Alpha helped breathe life into a dying parish. People are returning to Mass, discovering Jesus, and becoming part of the community again. This model of parish-to-parish revitalization is now inspiring similar initiatives across Canada. Fr Michael Leclerc, Parish Priest of St Ignatius of Loyola Parish, says, a hope to: **“transform our city, by transforming our parishes, to transform lives.”**

**“I had a dream of transforming my parish and hoping to make it a place where people couldn't help but invite other people into that same experience.**

**I want the culture of Alpha all over my Church. I want the reliance on the Holy Spirit to be everywhere. I want the radical hospitality to be everywhere. I want people to have real, authentic relationships that are life giving!”**



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## Partnering for Renewal



Momentum continued through **Made for Mission** gatherings in Montreal, Vancouver and Ottawa. Bringing together Catholic clergy and leaders, the gathering explored practical pathways for parish renewal and church planting. Leaders shared stories of how Alpha, when integrated within a wider vision for parish life, can help foster lasting transformation and missionary vitality. Together, Alpha and Divine Renovation continue to accompany parishes as they seek to cultivate a culture of invitation and mission.

Alpha Canada also strengthened its commitment to collaboration across the Catholic Church. A national webinar exploring pathways for parish renewal brought together more than 400 leaders, reflecting a strong desire for shared learning and partnership. This was followed by a similar gathering introducing the Alpha Youth Series in the Catholic Church. These offerings highlight how collaboration with ministries such as Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and Divine Renovation can expand the Church's capacity to invite more people to encounter Jesus.

*'Alpha helps draw people into an initial and ongoing encounter and rich relationship with Jesus and his Church. Alpha lays the foundation to go deeper and, in the power of the Holy Spirit become missionary disciples.'*  
**Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC**  
Canada





# Europe, Middle East and North Africa



YEAR IN REVIEW

## A Season of Hope

Across Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa (EMENA), 2025 was marked by growing visibility and deeper engagement with Church leaders. In a year shaped by the **Jubilee of Hope**, Alpha had the privilege of serving the Church at several significant moments while strengthening relationships with dioceses across the region.

### Walking Together in the Jubilee

The **Jubilee Year of Hope** provided a providential opportunity for Alpha to serve the global Church through moments of encounter, discipleship, and mission.

Throughout the year, Alpha created welcoming spaces of invitation - hosting outreach initiatives during the **Jubilee of Teenagers** and the **Jubilee of Youth** in Rome, presenting the new Alpha Youth Series to tens of thousands of young people, and supporting Church leaders through gatherings and conversations on evangelisation. Alpha also contributed to the **Jubilee of Communications** through a keynote address by Nicky Gumbel.

These moments were marked by hospitality, prayer, and relational evangelisation. Many young people encountered Alpha for the first time, while parishes and communities already running Alpha were encouraged and strengthened in their mission.

The Jubilee became not simply an event to attend, but an opportunity to serve the Church by strengthening relationships, encouraging leaders, and offering Alpha as a simple, scalable and accessible way to help communities respond to the call to renewed missionary outreach.



#### YEAR OF ENGAGEMENT



2,669  
CHURCHES & ORGS



132,383  
PARTICIPANTS



## Timeless Truth in Our Time

In Rome, Alpha had the privilege of serving the Church at the 14th **International Catholic Communications Forum** hosted by the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, which gathered more than 600 Church communicators from 60 countries. Nicky Gumbel's closing address, centred on evangelisation, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the vision toward 2033, contributed to the wider conversation at a pivotal moment during the Jubilee Year. The gathering also opened new relationships with leading Catholic media outlets, including EWTN, L'Osservatore Romano, and El Debate.



## Renewal across the Region

In Poland, 700 parish leaders gathered at the **Forum of Parish Pastoral Councils** to explore how Alpha can support renewal within parish life and mission.

In Spain, collaboration with The Chosen expanded Alpha's cultural reach, including a widely viewed interview with Jonathan Roumie and participation in joint initiatives that encouraged new approaches to evangelisation.

In the Middle East, three Chaldean Catholic churches in Erbil came together to host an Alpha Youth initiative for 65 teenagers, a quiet but powerful sign that even in fragile contexts, hope and missionary momentum are growing.



### VOICE OF THE CHURCH

## A Quiet Revival in a Revitalised Parish

In Sicily, Fr. Higor Da Silva arrived to find what he described as “**a church without hope, without joy.**” Through Alpha, a small group began to grow into a vibrant youth community, where faith moved from obligation to encounter to mission. His story captures a broader reality: when parishes create spaces of encounter, especially for the open emerging generations, identity is restored, hope returns, and communities rediscover their mission.

*“Alpha for me is the key that can unlock true faith – a faith that comes from the heart, from a lived experience with God. After Alpha, people no longer came out of duty, but because they began to enjoy being here, to live their faith with joy.”*

Fr Higor Da Silva  
Caltanissetta



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# Latin America and the Caribbean

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Growing Momentum

In 2025, Latin America and the Caribbean experienced renewed momentum as Alpha deepened relationships with dioceses, expanded engagement with young people, and strengthened regional collaboration among Church leaders.

From catalytic gatherings and episcopal engagement to digital evangelisation and contextualised training, Alpha is increasingly being received as a practical pathway to support renewal across the Catholic Church in the region.



### Contextualising for Capacity

A significant milestone in 2025 was the launch of the **Alpha Youth Training Suite** and **Catholic Engagement Toolkit** in Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese. Thirty-four locally produced training videos were created to equip leaders across the region to run Alpha Youth confidently and competently within their own cultural and pastoral contexts.

These resources were developed in close collaboration between regional and global teams and are now being introduced across Latin America through training initiatives and coordinated mobilisation efforts like the **Alpha Youth Marathon**.

The learnings from this process are helping shape future contextualised training resources, strengthening Alpha's ability to serve the Church across diverse regions.





**1,718**  
CHURCHES & ORGS



**4,211**  
COURSES



**123,881**  
PARTICIPANTS

## Opening New Doors for Evangelisation

In 2025, the visit of Nicky and Pippa Gumbel to Chile and Brazil became a catalytic moment for the region. In Chile, more than 200 leaders gathered at La Trinidad, an Alpha Hub parish, to hear the vision for Alpha toward 2033, while over 80 Catholic leaders met in Santiago at a gathering hosted by the Archdiocese.

These encounters quickly led to new training initiatives and growing diocesan collaboration. The visit also opened significant institutional doors, including engagement with the Episcopal Conference of Brazil and national exposure through Rede Vida television.

Momentum continued through diocesan engagement and national gatherings. In Argentina, the **Alpha Conference** in Buenos Aires brought leaders together at the Catholic University of Argentina from across the Body of Christ, offering a visible expression of unity in mission.

In Chile, engagement expanded across several dioceses including Talca, Rancagua, Valparaíso, and Santiago, with increasing openness to introducing Alpha within parish and diocesan initiatives. In Ecuador, Alpha also began reaching new pastoral contexts in Guayaquil, including schools, prisons, and marriage ministry - early signs of wider renewal in an emerging context.

Digital evangelisation is also growing across the region. Through **Digital Católico**, an online gathering that brought together more than 130 participants from across Latin America, Church leaders explored how to engage young people more effectively in the digital age, opening new pathways for invitation and mission through Alpha.

### VOICE OF THE CHURCH

## How can Alpha serve the Church in Latin America?

*"It is a very flexible method, because it adapts to people and to different places and times. It is also a joyful method, making it possible for people to have an encounter with Jesus Christ—that first encounter which opens their hearts and their lives to new horizons.*

**Cardinal Luis Cabrera**  
Ecuador



*"I invite you to question yourself. I invite you to truly open yourself to the answers, beginning with those difficult questions. If there is an Alpha in your parish, I invite you to join, and you will truly be surprised by those answers that may have already been there - you just needed a little push."*

**Clara Cuevas**  
México

*"Alpha, through its way of doing things, touches the heart while proclaiming Jesus. It is a clear proclamation—the first announcement of evangelization."*

**Mons. Juan Vicente**  
Córdoba, SJ  
Colombia

# United Kingdom

YEAR IN REVIEW

## Renewed Missionary Momentum

Across the United Kingdom, Alpha in the Catholic Church continues to show sustained momentum - from major national youth gatherings to new diocesan engagement in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Even after decades of Alpha being present within the Catholic Church, there remains a clear desire among leaders to deepen in their journey of missionary renewal. Many are seeking practical ways to foster greater reliance on the Holy Spirit and to create spaces where people can encounter Jesus.



### Serving a Church in Revival

The growth of Alpha Youth must be understood within the wider movement of renewal amongst the emerging generations. Across the UK - and increasingly in other parts of the world - there is a growing openness among young people to explore faith and participate in the life and mission of the Church.

Within the Catholic Church in the UK, Alpha Youth grew by 31% in the past year. In this moment of renewed spiritual curiosity, Alpha is serving the Church by helping create welcoming spaces of encounter, conversation, and discipleship; accompanying a generation searching for meaning and rediscovering faith.



# Renewal in the Emerging Generations



Alpha had a significant presence at **Flame 2025**, the largest Catholic youth gathering in the United Kingdom hosted by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation, where more than 8,000 young people gathered. New conversations with diocesan leaders and parishes have followed, highlighting that this national visibility has been particularly timely with the launch of the new Alpha Youth Series.

This momentum was reinforced through **This is Alpha: Encounter**, which saw record Catholic participation. Catholics formed the largest group of registered participants, highlighting Alpha's continuing role in equipping leaders to pray with confidence, rely on the Holy Spirit, and lead Alpha with renewed fruitfulness.

The year also saw Alpha present at major gatherings across the country. At the inaugural **WeBelieve Festival** and the re-launched **Celebrate Festival**, Alpha hosted workshops on youth ministry, parish renewal (in collaboration with Divine Renovation), and practical pathways for cultural change within parishes.

At the diocesan level, new doors also began to open. Training gatherings in Glasgow and in the Diocese of Down & Connor signalled a renewed openness across Scotland and Northern Ireland. Prayer ministry training across Northern Ireland further equipped parishioners to step out in faith, strengthening a local culture of prayer and mission rather than relying on external initiatives.



**269**  
CHURCHES & ORGS



**583**  
COURSES



**13,090**  
PARTICIPANTS

## VOICE OF THE GUEST

### From guest to host: what is the experience of Alpha?

*"It was the first time in my life where I had come to an environment where people were asking the same questions as me."*

Emily  
St Elizabeth of Portugal Parish, Richmond



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# United States of America



*"Alpha has helped many of our parishes be on mission, reaching those who may not typically attend a parish event. I endorse Alpha as a great way to share the good news of Jesus Christ and help parishes welcome others to our one true home, the church."*

**Bishop Ronald A. Hicks**  
USA

## YEAR IN REVIEW

# Collaborative Renewal

In 2025, Alpha deepened its engagement across the United States through parish renewal initiatives and new pathways connected to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Collaboration helped expand practical approaches for engaging young people and families more deeply in the life of the Church. Across the country, momentum continues to grow as parishes rediscover a culture of invitation, form new leaders, and embrace a renewed vision for intergenerational evangelisation.



## VOICE OF THE CHURCH

# What does the renewal of a Catholic school look like?

*"Alpha came and gave them the opportunity to delve deeper into the faith and deeper into conversation with each other. Students are more open to sharing faith. I think of the change in our culture: the students are feeling listened to and respected and heard."*

**Fr Bill Cremers**  
Nebraska, United States of America



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1,018  
CHURCHES



232  
ORGANISATIONS



2,634  
COURSES

## Building Pathways for the Mission

Across the United States, Alpha is increasingly helping parishes move from maintenance to mission by offering clear entry points for evangelisation. This has been particularly evident through initiatives connected to the Sacrament of Confirmation, the wider launch of the Alpha Youth Series, and the vision of intergenerational accompaniment expressed through the **Every Generation Tour**. Collaboration with partners such as Divine Renovation and NET Ministries has further strengthened this shared vision for missionary renewal.

Alpha USA and Divine Renovation USA co-hosted **Mobilized for Mission**, equipping parishes to reimagine their approach to evangelisation. This momentum continued through the first national **Made for Mission** gathering, which brought together more than 175 leaders ahead of the **Alpha Conference**. Through keynote talks, prayer, and practical workshops, leaders reflected on evangelisation, leadership, and reliance on the Holy Spirit.

As Jason Kidd shared, “Alpha’s partnership with Divine Renovation bore great fruit... we gathered renewed and sent out for mission.” These gatherings reflected a growing desire among Church leaders for integrated pathways of renewal rather than isolated initiatives.

Engagement with Church leadership also strengthened significantly. Alpha and YDisciple (from NET Ministries) hosted more than 35 bishops during the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in Baltimore to introduce the **Confirmation Toolkit** - a practical resource to help parishes accompany young people and families. At the **National Catholic Youth Conference**, Alpha also engaged hundreds of youth ministers among more than 16,000 young participants, presenting the new Alpha Youth Series as a practical tool for reaching the emerging generations.

### VOICE OF THE CHURCH

## A Parish United on Mission

At St John Vianney Parish in San Jose, financial strain and uncertainty created a fragile season. Fr Joe introduced Alpha as a simple invitation to gather and talk about faith and it soon became the heartbeat of the parish. Through Alpha, leaders emerged, unity strengthened, and missionary confidence returned, demonstrating how renewal flows from encounter.

*“Alpha has united our parish just like a kitchen unites a family... Alpha makes Catholics better Catholics, because of Jesus. The centrality of the person of Jesus is everything we do”*

Fr Joe Kim  
San Jose, United States of America



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# Where Next?

THE JOURNEY TOWARDS 2033

## For the Hopeful, Doubtful, Curious, Questioning

There is much to celebrate as we look back on 2025. As we look forward, our vision is focused towards 2033 - the 2000th anniversary of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

As we approach this significant moment in the life and mission of the Church, our vision at the forefront of our engagement: to play our part in the evangelisation of the nations, the revitalisation of the Church, and the transformation of society.

We have identified a series of **engagement opportunities** and **strategic priorities** that can help give expression of our dream to invite everyone, everywhere to discover and develop a relationship with Jesus through Alpha.



## Engagement Opportunities

### Sacramental Initiation

#### OPPORTUNITY

Align Alpha to Sacrament of Confirmation and RCIA, positioned as pre-initiation or post-initiation opportunities.

### Catholic Education

#### OPPORTUNITY

Engage new Catholic Education networks as an entry points to reach the 70 million students, their staff and families, globally.

### Diocesan Alignment

#### OPPORTUNITY

Integrate Alpha within the diocesan vision for evangelisation to engage new Churches and embed in culture.

### Contextual Training

#### OPPORTUNITY

Develop training that envisions and equips Catholic leaders, supplemented with thought leading research to shift perception and build capacity

### Mission Partners

#### OPPORTUNITY

Refine the 'ecosystems' of renewal through collaboration with ministries, movements, communities, orders and congregations.

### Engagement Capacity

#### OPPORTUNITY

Increase capacity for training and accompaniment of engaged Churches, including decentralised models to multiply impact.

*For everyone,  
everywhere.*



## Strategic Priorities

The dream for Alpha in the Catholic Context is:

- **Evangelisation of the Nations:** For everyone, everywhere to discover and develop a relationship with Jesus.
- **Revitalisation of the Church:** For every parish to experience a missionary renewal.
- **Transformation of Society:** For new generations of missionary disciples that transform every sphere of society.

As we pursue this vision at Alpha, we have a desire to serve the Church's dream more broadly. Evangelisation is in itself the deepest identity of the Church and the reason why she exists (St. Pope Paul VI, 1975). Pope Francis' shared a prophetic vision for the Church to realise this identity and embed missionary renewal in the very life of the Church as it transitions through a 'change of era,' and not just an 'era of change.' This was articulated by him in the following 'dream' that Alpha seeks to catalyse:

***"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."***

(Pope Francis, 2013)

Alpha is not just a tool to be integrated into the Catholic Church's strategy of evangelisation - it is the impetus for the revitalisation of the Church. As we approach 2026 and beyond, we are full of hope for what the Holy Spirit will do, bringing this dream to fruition.

We are pursuing five strategic priorities in 2026:

1. **Capacity:** The right people in the right roles, increase decentralised approaches to engagement to sustain growth.
2. **Resource and Product:** Ensure all products support Catholic engagement whilst developing contextual leader training to shift perception and build capacity in the Church.
3. **Alignment:** Integrate Alpha with Catholic education, sacramental initiation, diocesan strategies, and partnerships whilst supporting increased internal alignment.
4. **Gatherings:** Convene and equip Catholic leaders through global events and cohorts, hosted by Alpha and in collaboration with strategic mission partners.
5. **Communications:** Share the compelling Alpha Vision and Story through campaigns, media, stories and social channels.



## VOICE OF THE CHURCH

# A Quiet Revival in a Revitalised Parish

Fr Samuel Mary's journey with Alpha began with a simple invitation that grew into a vision for cultural renewal in his parish, eventually leading to the development of the Cebu Faith Hub in the Philippines. Through his leadership, Alpha has become a catalyst for encounter, formation, and renewed missionary purpose.

*"I realized that I wasn't there just to teach or to tell people how to behave but to provide a space where they can feel they belong and are loved. I love it! I can really say that Alpha has changed my entire understanding and appreciation of what it means to be a young leader in the spirit of the New Evangelization."*

**Fr Samuel Mary**  
Cebu, Philippines



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