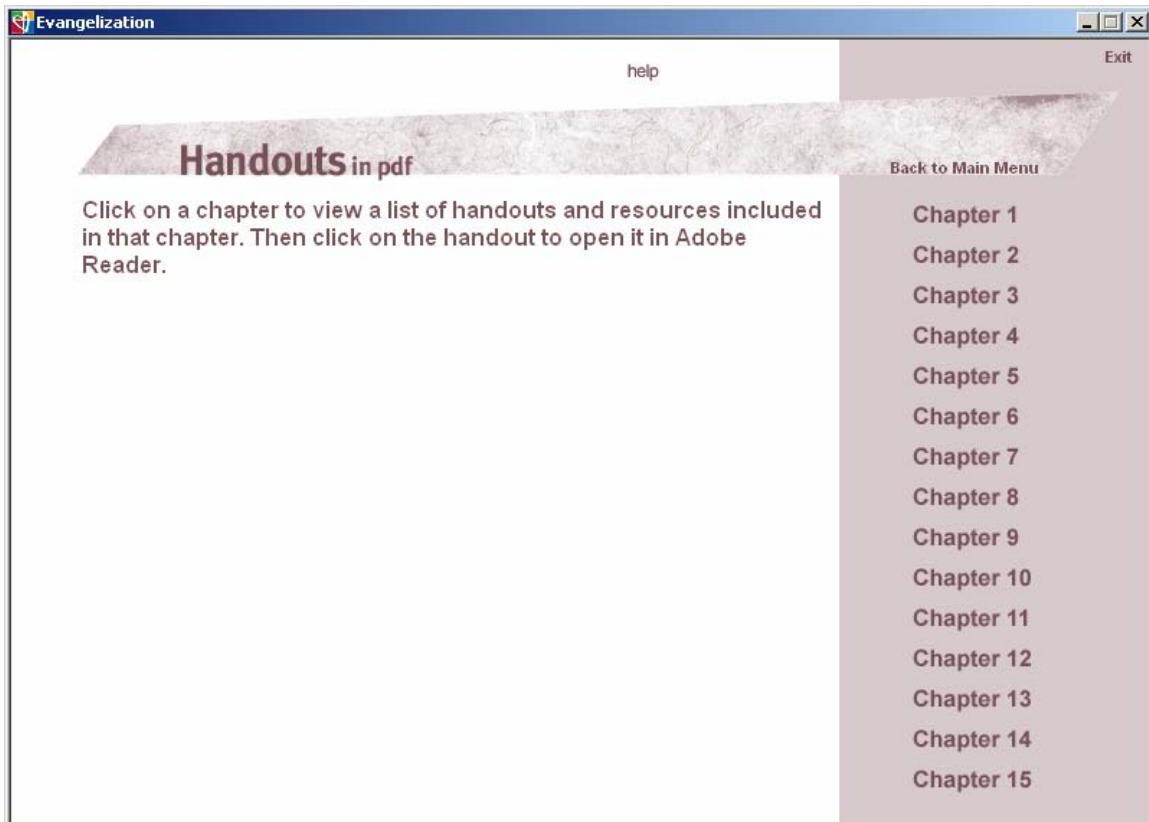
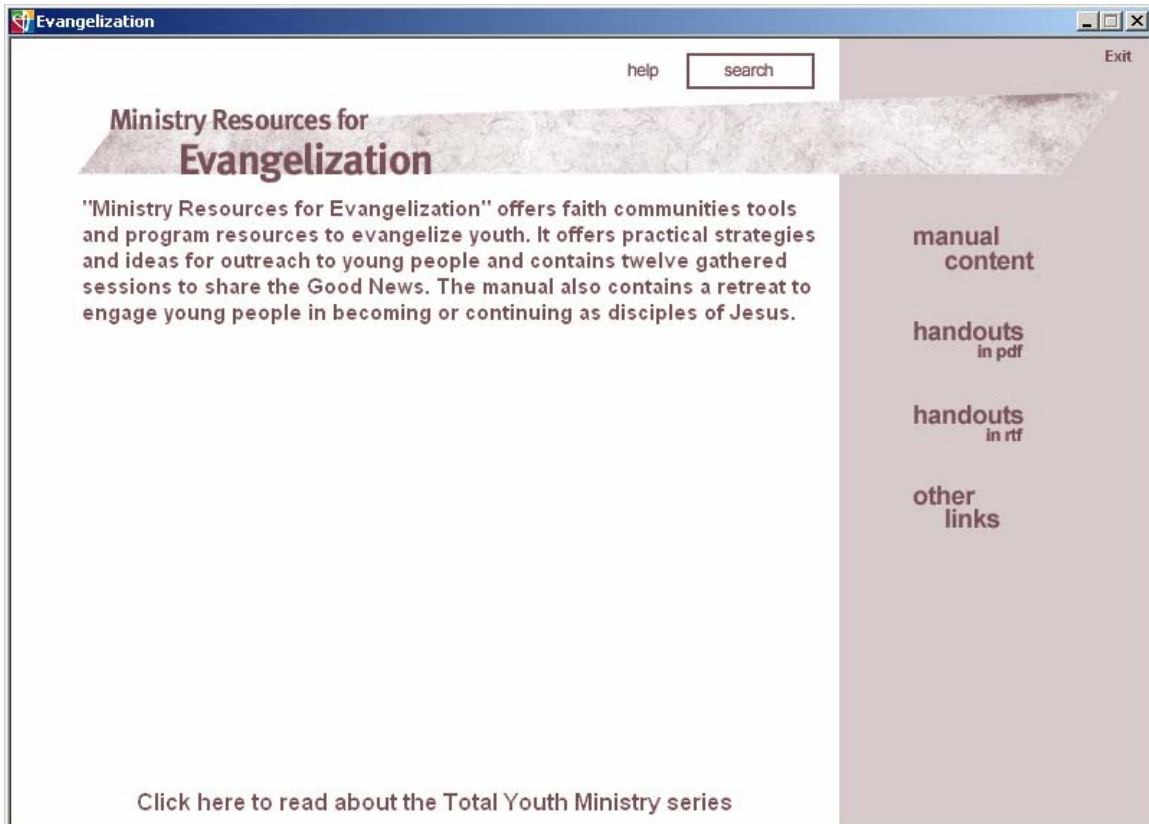
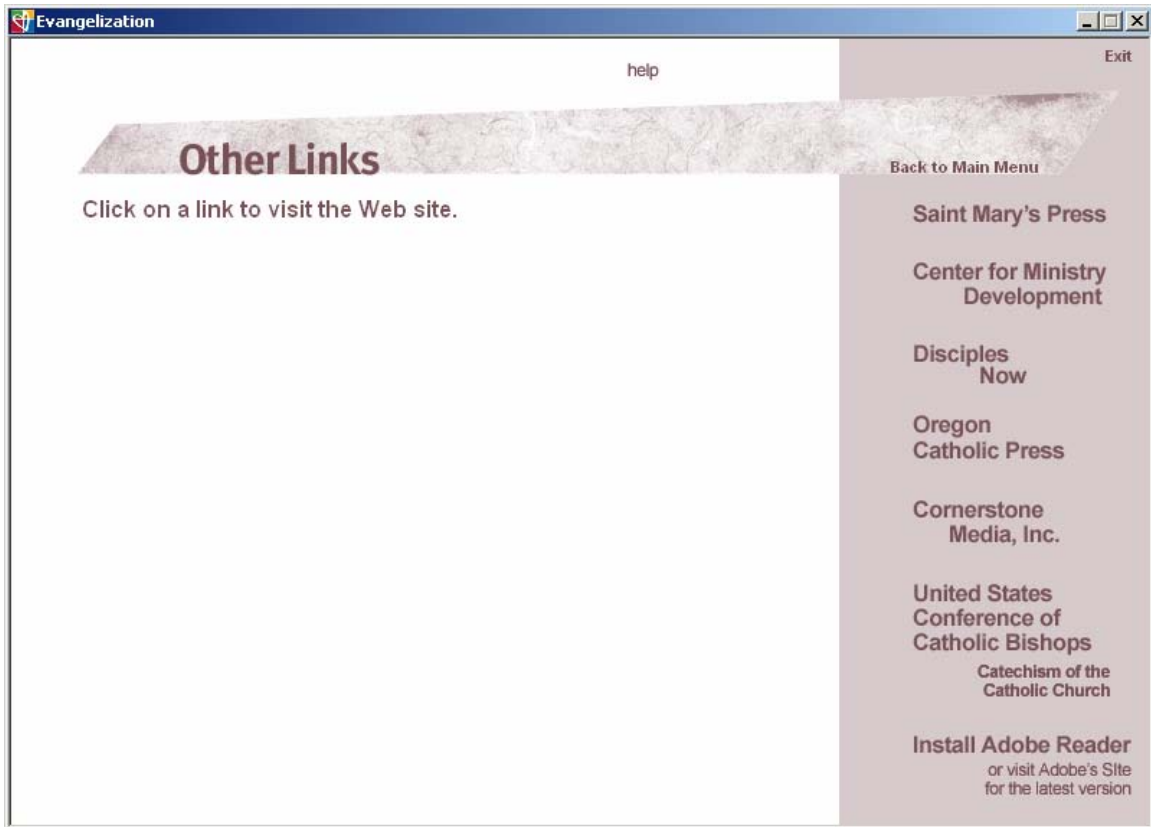
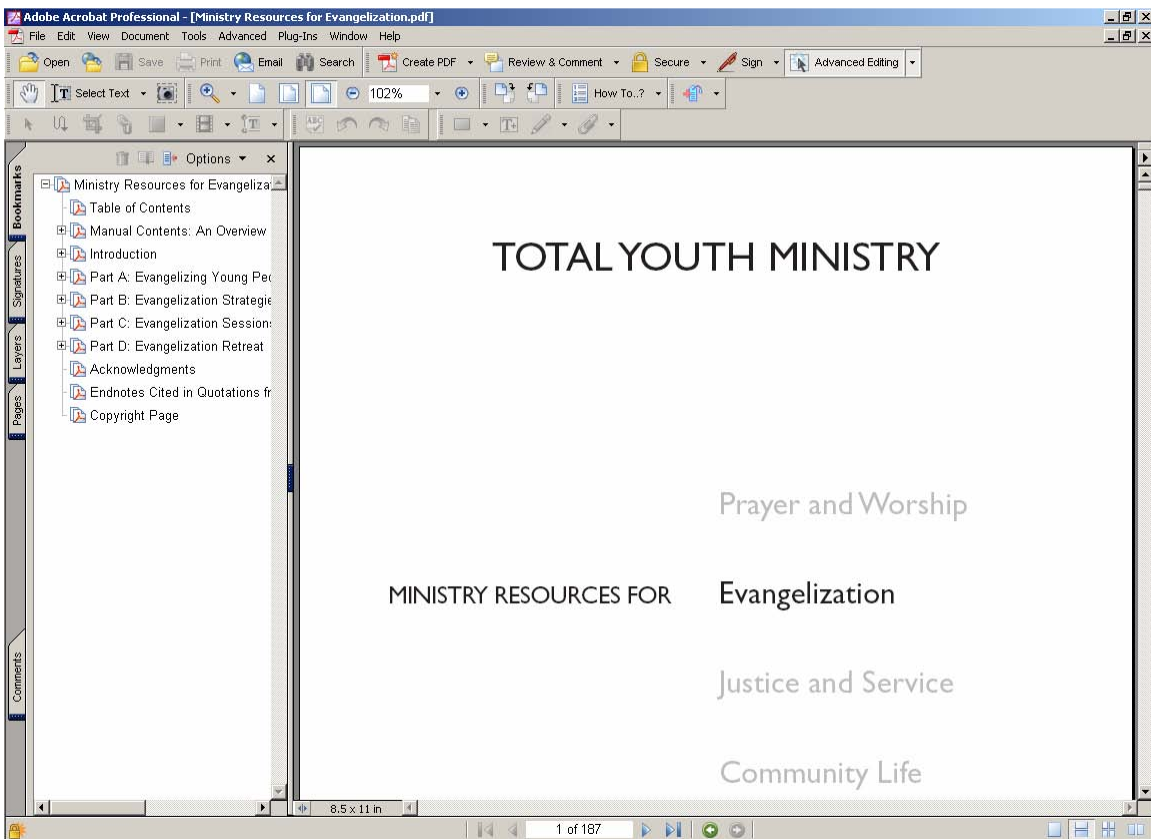


This PDF contains screen shots of the "Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship" CD-ROM. It is not a working program. On the actual CD-ROM, clicking on links open different options.





This screen shot shows the "manual content." It contains the same text as the printed manual (minus the sidebars) in an electronic, searchable format.



About the Total Youth Ministry Series

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This six-manual series builds on the bishops' vision of youth ministry as outlined in "Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1997). Offering a rich and challenging vision for Catholic youth ministry, the bishops urge the Church to guide young people toward a life of fullness in Jesus Christ, and to give them the tools to live out that fullness as Catholic Christians.

Whether your parish has five teens or five hundred, this series provides a strong foundation for a year-round, total youth ministry program that aims to empower young people to be disciples of Christ and to bring them fully into the life of the Church.

The following six manuals make up the Total Youth Ministry series:

- "Ministry Resources for Community Life"
- "Ministry Resources for Evangelization"
- "Ministry Resources for Justice and Service"
- "Ministry Resources for Pastoral Care"
- "Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship"
- "Ministry Resources for Youth Leadership Development"

The manuals contain numerous ideas for gatherings, projects, prayer services, and retreats for high school youth. Each manual also includes an explanation of the component that is its focus, along with practical strategies for connecting youth with their communities and for helping youth connect faith with life.

The following are examples of PDF handouts found on the CD-ROM. Handouts are also available in a rich text format so you can customize them to meet your needs.

Introducing the Holy Family

On the first Sunday after Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Bible does not tell us a lot about the Holy Family. We know that Joseph was a kind and compassionate man, eager to do God's will. He raised Jesus as his own son, even though he was not Jesus' biological father. Jesus was raised in a home in which love and faith were the norm.

We can be sure the Holy Family had their moments of conflict and crisis—all families do. Luke's story of Jesus becoming separated from his parents demonstrates that. We can also be sure that their love and faith helped them to survive such conflicts and grow stronger because of them. The Church holds the Holy Family up as a model of respect, compassion, love, and faith in family life.

Questions for reflection and discussion:

How does your family express love and respect for one another?

What crises and conflict have you and your family survived?

What can you do to bring the qualities of the Holy Family more fully into your family's life?

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When the Waves Get Too Rough



Help, Lord, I'm lost at sea! When I started this journey of life, I thought I knew where I was headed, but then a few waves started to rock the boat, and I became frightened.

Next the wind picked up, and my fear turned into confusion. Then the night fell, and my confusion turned into despair. And now, I am lost and need you to calm the waves in my life and stand beside me until the night turns into day.

Help me to find my bearings again, Lord. And when this storm is over, gift me with the wisdom to learn from this experience—to go back and make right what was wrong, to not lose hope at the first sign of trouble, and to hang onto you, my anchor, when life gets rough. Amen.

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