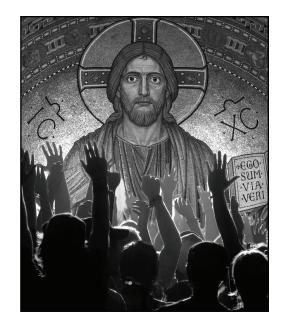
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## The Catholic Revival of the Late 19th Century and its Application Today

The Catholic parish mission of the late 19th century became a well-known and widespread phenomenon for over a century. Preached by various religious orders, such as the Jesuits or Redemptorists, the mission preacher spent a week or more hammering home the truths of Christianity, urging people to repent and avail themselves of the sacraments in an effort to revive the religious vitality of the people. But mission attendance was not necessarily followed by sustained spiritual renewal. Similarities can be seen between the parish mission of the late 19th and early 20th century and the charismatic renewal of the late 20th century and even events such as World Youth Day. Truth claims, especially today, are often evaluated on whether or not it moves the individual's affections. But this "high" is not sustainable. What lessons can we learn about imparting the truths of discipleship that can help foster the sustainable renewal that our present time needs?



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