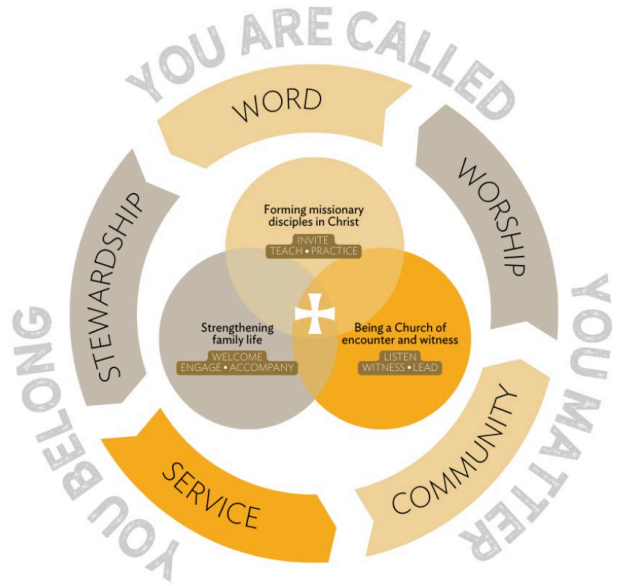


Suggested Agenda Meeting #1

REFLECTION ON THE PASTORAL RENEWAL



1. Welcome & Renewal Prayer

2. Lectio Divina

- At the heart of our renewal is Christ, and our attentive listening to Him is central. Engaging in Lectio Divina serves as a powerful method of prayer and spiritual formation, fostering growth and intimacy with the Word of God.
- Lectio Divina involves 5 steps: **Reading** (what does the Word say?); **Meditation** (what is God saying to me?); **Prayer** (what is my response to God?); **Contemplation** (the Word that sparks my heart); and **Resolution** (how am I called to live out the Word?)
- The [Lectio Divina Compendium](#) by the Seeds of the Word is a valuable resource for practicing this method of prayer.
- We recommend choosing a Scripture passage from the Daily Readings for your meeting.

3. Small Group Sharing

A. Conversation in the Spirit:

- *Listening* is oriented towards *discernment*. Discernment leads to *conversion*, for individuals, families, communities, parishes, our Diocese, and the universal Church.
- Small group listening is a spiritual conversation that has Christ at the centre. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20).



- We are being invited to listen to the Holy Spirit in the voices of our brothers and sisters:
 - Speak from the heart
 - Listen from the heart
 - Prayerful
 - Confidentiality

B. Small Group Listening Process

- We encourage team members to practice the **Conversation in the Spirit** method of listening, sharing, praying, and discerning as outlined below.

C. Small Group Reflection Questions

- For each area of the pastoral priority:
 - *What resonates and inspires you about this priority and actions?*
 - *Which of these actions is key to you? Why?*
 - *Give examples of where this action is already working in your life and/or the life of the parish.*
- Small Group Conversations template is available ([click here](#))

D. Summary

- We suggest maintaining a summary of the small group sharing as it can serve as a valuable reference for subsequent meetings or personal reflection. This summary can capture key insights, reflections, shared perspectives, and collective wisdom and learning.



Conversation in the Spirit

A dynamic of discernment in the synodal Church



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Silence and prayer
listening to the Word of God

"Taking the word and listening"

Each person takes turns speaking from his or her own experience and prayer, and listens carefully to the contribution of others.



Silence and prayer



Silence and prayer

"Building together"

Together we dialogue on the basis of what emerged earlier in order to discern and gather the fruit of the conversation in the Spirit: to recognize intuitions and convergences; to identify discordances, obstacles and new questions; to allow prophetic voices to emerge. It is important that everyone can feel represented by the outcome of the work. "To what steps is the Holy Spirit calling us together?"



Final prayer of thanksgiving



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