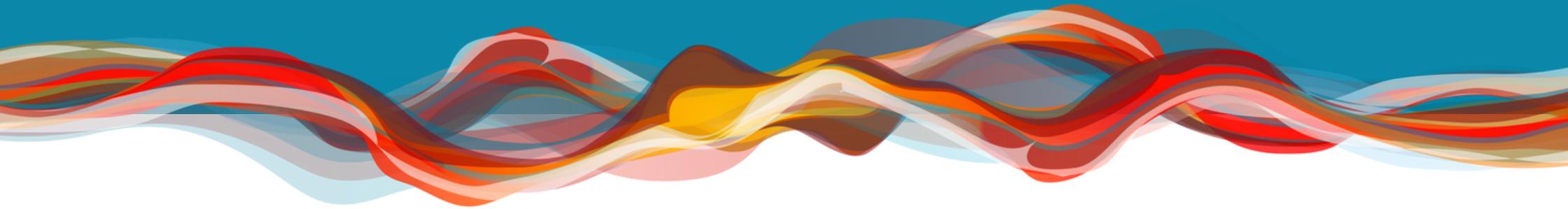


# *Alive in the Spirit*

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be



*Workshop Reflection Questions*

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## **Resources for RCIA**

Sharon Brewer

1. What resources are you using for your RCIA process?
2. Is RCIA a program in your community or is it something that your whole community engages and supports? What does this look like?
3. In what ways can you encourage your RCIA team to explore the resources that Sharon offers to find out which resources best suit your community?

## **Setting Hearts on Fire: Using Music as a Tool for Evangelisation**

Michael Mangan

1. What do you use music as a tool for evangelisation in your communities?
2. What ongoing formation and learning have you in place for your music ministry?
3. How do you choose music in your community to address some of the principles or welcoming liturgy that Michael speaks about?

## **Digital Ministry: The DESPERATE need to transform our church NOW**

Anthony Costa

1. How have you engaged with digital ministry over the past two years?
2. Why is digital ministry a new way of evangelisation?
3. How can you employ the techniques that Anthony shared in your community setting?

## The Good News: Evangelising through Social Media

### Franchesca Arroyo

1. How do you engage with Social Media in your community?
2. How can we be Alive in the Spirit through our use of social media?
3. Franchesca offers a comprehensive plan to engage in social media for a faith community? What is something you could embark on in your faith setting?

## How are we to Discern?

### Cathy Jenkins

1. When has been an experience where you have listened deeply or you have felt listened to deeply?
2. How might you apply the practice of discernment in meetings you engage with?
3. How are you being called to be more open to the spirits movement in your life?

## Spirituality of ageing – but it is not for me, is it?

### Sr Grace Roclawaska

1. What are some of the tips that you picked up from Sr Grace for small group sharing?
2. There is gift and richness in aging. How do you celebrate it in your communities?
3. How do we continue to learn and grow and share our faith and live our baptismal call throughout our whole lives?

## Practical Guide to running RCIA in a parish

### Max Norden

1. Are you satisfied that your RCIA process is leading your catechumens and candidates to true conversion and a life of discipleship?
2. Max speaks of how these principles of RCIA are also applicable to Sacramental Process. How is your Sacramental Process and RCIA integrated into your whole community for experiences of spiritual conversion?
3. How can you implement the 5 questions that Max offers to get to know your enquirers and explore God in their lives?

4. The Rite doesn't talk about an RCIA team, nor is RCIA a knowledge based curriculum. How can you customise the faith journey for those people who are seeking God?
5. What are the ways that you can invite parishioners in your community to be mentors for people who are experiencing RCIA or families with children receiving sacraments of initiation?
6. What difference would it make if you changed your RCIA process to being a model for conversion to Jesus?





## Bringing your Parish to life through Laudato Si'

Sue Martin & Catholic Earthcare

1. Has your parish engaged with the encyclical Laudato Si'?
2. Hearing the stories from around Australia, how is the spirit calling us to care for creation?
3. How can engaging with Laudato Si' work towards evangelisation in our communities?

## Leadership for Ministry in a Synodal Church

Anne Benjamin & Charles Burford

1. What do you understand by the term Synodality?
2. How would you describe the 'culture' in your community? Remember this is not limited to ethnicity, but the way our community operates or lives its mission?
3. When it comes to decision-making, how can you use the different moral discernment considerations that Charles and Anne offer?

## Engaging Parishes in Supporting Refugee Families

Jenny Collins-White

1. How does your community engage with refugees who might be in your community?
2. What are the benefits from sponsorship refugee families as they settle into the community?
3. How does this work align with the mission of the Gospel?

## Facebook: An unlikely Ally in Faith Sharing

Annie Pinto

1. What do you think of when you hear 'Facebook'?
2. How can Gospel values be lived through our use of Facebook and other social media sites?
3. After listening to Annie, how will you use Facebook as a means of evangelisation?

*Since we live by the Spirit let us  
keep in step with the Spirit.  
Galatians 5:25*

## Listening Circles

Vic & Liz O'Callaghan

1. What is your understanding of deep sharing and listening?
2. Has your parish or community safe spaces for people to talk about the challenging issues that our Church faces?
3. What gift of the Spirit does an opportunity such as Listening Circles have in communities?

## Pastoral Ministry – Our Baptismal Calling

Sophy Morley

1. In what ways am I called to live out my Catholic faith?
2. How do we invite others to active engagement in the mission of God?
3. How do we encourage those in our community to seek out and live their gifts?

## Conversations about Catholics

Anne McLean and Sr Alice Sullivan

1. Where have you found that people who come to your communities have questions to find out more about the basics or language of the Catholic faith?
2. In what ways are you forming relationships and having conversations with people who feel disconnected from our faith communities?
3. How can Conversations about Catholics be a connector between our churches and schools?

## Connecting a Thriving Catholic Community and Catholic Social Teaching

Mouna Roche

1. How does Catholic Social Teaching influence your life?
2. Reflect on strategies you have in place that nurture key relationships in your community.
3. What are the initiatives in your community that bring Catholic Social teaching to life?

## Animated and Alive: Creative Liturgy for Evangelising Whole Families

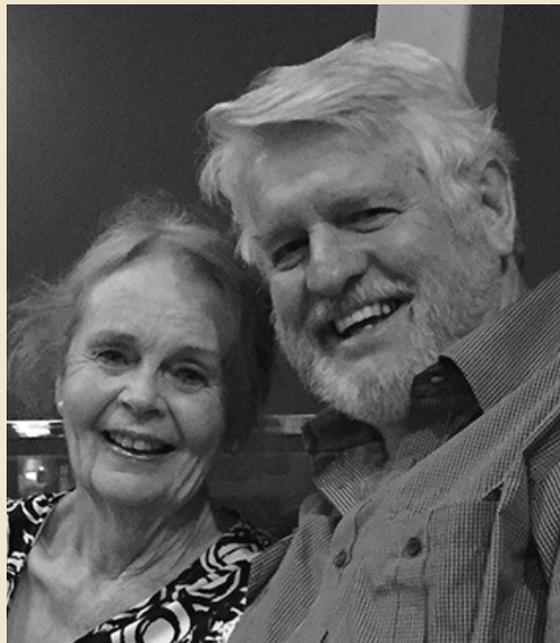
Anne Frawley-Mangan

1. The Rites of Christian Initiation can serve as an evangelising tool for your community. In hearing Anne, how can you use RCIA for your whole community?
2. Anne spoke about the process of change within her community as they moved forward in making disciples – starting with families. How open is your community to evaluating what has been happening and looking to a refreshed way of forming disciples?
3. Think about the families in your community. What are the creative and animating ways you do or can engage families in liturgy and community? What areas can you enhance?

## Releasing the Joy of the Gospel in the Parish, One Person at a Time

Pina Bernard

1. What model of parish can your community resonate with currently?
2. Is the fostering of disciples part of the mission in your parish or community?
3. How do you release the joy of the Gospel in your parish?



## A Discerning Catholic's Guide to Faith and Media

Michael McVeigh

1. How are we called to engage in an online space in a more discerning way?
2. Why do we have to be careful about what we read and see on social media, e.g., 'Clickbait'?
3. What are ways that we can 'rehumanise' the online space? How can we be more like Jesus in this space?

## Belong, Believe, Become

Huw Warmenhoven & Christian Nobleza

1. How would you describe yourself, your identity within the Catholic Church? Why is identity important?
2. What is your understanding of the concept of 'belonging'? Do you think people feel like they 'belong' in your community?
3. How integral is planning and visioning to creating an effective missionary discipleship pathway?

## A model of RCIA for young people

Lisa McKerr

1. What are the pathways that young people in your community can ask questions about God and about faith?
2. What are the opportunities in your community for 9-16 year-olds to go through a journey to become a member of the Catholic Church?
3. How can the community support young people experiencing RCIA and post baptism inviting them to remain alive in the Spirit?

## Building Bridges Between Believers from Different Religions

Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, Kim Chong, Ryan Epondulan

1. How can the resources or information provided by Fr Patrick, Kim and Ryan assist you in engaging in Inter-Faith Dialogue in your community?
2. Pope Francis speaks about fraternity in our world. How can you and your community draw on the words of Pope Francis and what he shares on Inter-Faith Dialogue.
3. What are your next steps for Inter-Faith Dialogue?



### **Evangelisation: A Key to Parish Renewal**

Lorraine McCarthy

Lorraine shares about the Thresholds of Conversion from the book, *Forming Intentional Disciples*. Consider how your community can create strategies to invite people into:

- a relationship of trust,
- a place to explore their spiritual curiosity,
- a safe and welcoming experience to get to know the person of Jesus and make a commitment to a 'relationship with Jesus'.



### **Creating Community in a Virtual World**

Lisa Bright

1. Do you see opportunities for sharing and growing in faith through online communities?
2. What are the benefits of online communities in your context?
3. How can our communities and church live the 'creativity of love' as shared by Pope Francis?

### **Kindred Spirit: Grief Care & Heartfelt**

Paige Bullen and Bridget Sakr

1. Grief can be experienced beyond that of bereavement. What are the different ways people can experience grief in your community?
2. What are the benefits of having support groups for people who are grieving to share their story? Are you aware of groups that are available to support people in your local area? How can you endeavor to find out what is available?
3. What are some simple ways that you can reach out to someone whom you know is grieving?

### **Who puts the Pastoral into Pastoral Associate**

Joy Bowen

1. How do you define and understand pastoral care?
2. Looking at the things that impede pastoral care, how do you relate to the points that Joy goes through? Did something resonate more strongly than another?
3. How much do you engage pastoral care for yourself? Who puts the pastoral within you?

### **Intentional Welcoming as a Whole Community Approach**

Richard McMahon

In assessing our welcome, the supporting guide (page 9) offers an assessment process. For your community, consider your strategies for how you:

- Prepare & budget?
- Invite and welcome?
- Introduce and engage?

## Evangelisation in our Faith Communities

### Deacon Peter Pellicaan

1. Deacon Peter asks us to think about moving from "obligation to love". What does that mean for you?
2. How do teams work in your parish? What are some of the factors we need to consider to build effective teams to lead an evangelising community?
3. What are some steps you can take to implement the points that Deacon Peter speaks about to become an evangelising parish?



## Family Ministry: Connecting Life and Faith

### Janette Davidson

1. How does your parish community meet, welcome, and accompany families on the journey of faith?
2. Janette shares that ministry can engage people across a life cycle. How can you integrate her suggestions into your community?
3. How can a vision for family ministry reimagine, animate, and renew our ministry to and with families?



## More Than Just a Hunch: Utilising Evidenced-based Resources for Pastoral Planning in your Parish and Diocese

### Dr Trudy Dantis & Mr Stephen Reid

1. After downloading the social profile for your parish community, what surprised you when looking at the data?
2. How and why would you use such data for planning for mission in your faith communities?
3. What other ways can you seek data to ensure your evangelisation is speaking to the needs of your community?

## Grow Safe Parishes

### Tracy McLeod Howe

1. How is growing safe parishes integral to the gospel message?
2. "We are all in this together" – Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. How do we embed this culture in our communities?
3. What are the needs in your community with regards to safeguarding? Who can you reach out to for support?

## Ministering to a Church in Trauma

### Patricia Thomas & Jane N Dowling

1. What are the ways that you can provide a safe and welcoming space for people who are living with trauma?
2. The Plenary Council thematic paper "Humble, Healing & Merciful" describes our Church as a "Church in Trauma". You might like to read this pastoral reality in our Church. How can our church offer a new pathway for healing?
3. How does Jane's use of scripture in the healing process offered hope, comfort and support to trauma survivors?

## The Gift of Difference

Paul Harris and Rev Peter Maher

1. Fr Peter talks about safe spaces and 'brave' spaces. What are the ways that we can welcome difference in our communities and create brave spaces?
2. Listening to people's stories is a privilege and gift. How are we will become better listeners and honouring people's stories.
3. Take some time in self reflection. Am I aware of any subconscious or conscious biases to difference? Am I open to change?

## Seven Qualities of Effective Parish Pastoral Councils

Richard McMahan

In reflecting on each key quality for effective pastoral councils, for your own council:

- Identify current best practices and affirm them;
- Identify key challenges being experienced;
- Commit to practical ways forward to develop this quality.

## A woman's place is IN the Catholic Church?

Andrea Dean

1. What resonated with you in Andrea's talk?
2. Are there times where you have had felt challenged by the Church?
3. How and where do you find arenas of possibility to keep nourished in your ministry?

## Sport and Spirituality aka Faith and Fitness

Helene O'Neill

1. Family Ministry is integral to our faith communities. Besides the school setting in this workshop, where else could you use the activities that Helene offers?
2. How does combining faith and fitness speak to younger people and bring to life the Gospel? How can we bring scripture to life through sport and play?
3. The greatest resource we have within our Church is us! How can we be Church and do Church differently, using our hands and feet, heart and mind?

## The Gift of Pope Francis: A Story of Shadows and Grace

Br Mark O'Connor

1. What resonates with you most about Pope Francis' papacy?
2. Pope Francis has shown us how to grow from his shadow experiences. How can we do the same?
3. What of Pope Francis' leadership shows us ways to be Alive in the Spirit?

## Youth Ministry: A Salesian Perspective

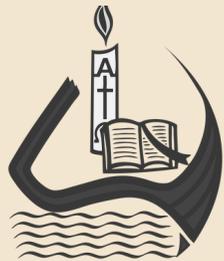
James McMahan

1. What are the qualities of youth leadership you believe are most important?
2. How do/might you apply the elements of the Preventive System?
3. What are the next steps for youth ministry in your setting?



### Pastoral Ministry Network

The Pastoral Ministry Network aims to provide a forum for the encouragement and development of collaborative ministry and leadership among all those involved in Pastoral Ministry (including parish life, education, health, chaplaincies and social services).



### Christian Initiation Australia Network

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The Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN) is a communication and support network for Australians who share the vision of the catechumenate. The CIAN is made up of Australian pastoral ministers, liturgists, catechists, theologians and all those interested in the Catechumenate. Their purpose is to share the vision and promote the practice of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) through sharing ideas and challenges. The CIAN conduct ongoing formation at the national level. CIAN Membership is open to all Australians who have a commitment to and work with RCIA in Australia.



### Mission Planners Network of Oceania

The Mission Planners Network of Oceania (MPNO) is a professional pastoral planning body that promotes and advocates a culture of planning within the Catholic Church in Oceania. We engage pastoral research and best practices in church growth to offer experience, knowledge, resources and processes that enable dioceses and parishes to advance the mission of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Spirit.

# MEET OUR HOSTS

