

Appendix III

Discernment Rosary

Facilitator's Guide

The Vision for a Discernment Rosary:

We are anchoring ourselves in the prayer of the Rosary. We will take time before each decade's prayers to ask God a specific question. We will pause for a few moments in silence to listen to him. Then, everyone will have an opportunity to share the thoughts, feelings, and desires that come to them in prayer. The convergence of what is shared helps the group to discern what God is saying.

Leaders should listen for 1. common themes, 2. comments that bring peace and consolation, and 3. consistent words and images.

PRAYING THE DISCERNMENT ROSARY:

1. Creed, Our Father, 3x Hail Mary, and a Glory Be.
2. Before each decade, ask a discernment question, "*Lord, who have you provided to lead this ministry?*"
3. Say an Our Father, 10x Hail Mary, and a Glory Be.
4. At the end of the decade, repeat the discernment question used at the beginning of the decade. Pray aloud: "*Lord, is there anything you want to say to us?*"
5. Listen for a few minutes as a group for God's response.
6. After few minutes of silence, ask the group to share anything they may have received.
7. Write down the comments shared and watch for common themes.
8. Feel free to pray as many decades as needed depending on time available.

Reminders: We are not asking the Lord to confirm our ideas, but to hear his ideas. We want to enter the process with humility and ask God to show us what he wants. If you do not know which question to ask, simply ask what he wants you to know. When you listen, do not try to figure it out. Just listen.

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Sample Questions

1. Lord, where are you already at work making disciples in our parish?
2. Where would you like us to start building first?
3. Who have you provided as leaders for the new initiatives?
4. What do you want to say to us as a group?
5. What pitfalls should we be careful to avoid?
6. Disciples in our parish are or look like...?
7. People become mature disciples in our parish by...?
8. The ministries that coincide with our process are...?