

Parish Sustainability

An Open Discussion on What Matters Most

Seeing and hearing the ongoing discussions the Catholic community of Corner Brook have been having, both formally and informally, the Pastors of Corner Brook (Fr. Lee, Fr. Jim and Bishop Bart) have come together to develop a way in which we can all listen to each other to identify and address the key issues in our community. In order to reflect Pope Francis' invitation to be more synodal, the process will involve small groups in order to make sure everyone is involved as both speakers and listeners. It is also hoped that, by working together towards an agreement on the most salient issues facing our community, we will work together to follow-up on the recommendations.

Timeline:

November 27th, 2022:

- Introduction, Timeline and the two questions will be published in all bulletins (and on any Parish Social Media) to allow all Catholics to begin to formulate their own response. This may be a good time to seek any clarifications you may need or talk amongst yourselves.

January, 2023:

- Introduction of Discussion groups: Organized by individuals, groups within the parish and the parish itself. Discussion groups should consist of no fewer than three and no more than six (to allow for healthy discussion and a reaching of consensus). Reports of each discussion group should be sent to your parish.

After Easter, 2023:

- A second round of discussions may be needed to reach a greater consensus on the three important things that we will address (We want to make sure that the number of things remains manageable to ensure that follow-up happens).

September, 2023 (and beyond):

- Working together the issues that need addressing, while continuing to have more discussions as the work unfolds.

Questions for Discussion:

- 1) What do you see as the three most important issues that need to be addressed by the Catholic Community in Corner Brook? (Come to an agreement in your small group, before moving to question two.)
- 2) What are some ways that we, as a Catholic Community in Corner Brook, can address them?