



A Framework for Parish Use

1. Select the people in your parish whom you want to have a deeper understanding of our pastoral ministry vocabulary

- Team members
- Regular volunteers in all ministries
- Interested active parishioners

2. Set a date for gathering all into either one 3 to 5-hour “Parish Meeting” or 2 or 3 90-minute Meetings. Invite these folks to hold that date and then distribute the workbooks and ask them to prepare.

- The prep work for each of the 8 exercises should be done before the meetings. Ask your group to do that on their own.
 - Ask everyone to view the introductory videos
- You might meet on a Saturday morning from 9 to noon
 - Or on two evenings close together for 90 minutes
 - Or at some time surrounding mass times in the parish
 - Round tables are best for the group meeting
 - Use the opening prayer provided in the booklet
 - There is no need for any further technology
- If your group is large, you may wish to divide into several smaller groups of 4 or 5 each.
 - Or choose to work in one, single larger group if you wish
- If you work in small groups, assign each group one or two of the exercises and ask them to work through “The Parish Meeting” section of each exercise. They will be asked to report to the large group before the end of the Meeting. If you work in the large group, it will unfold as described in the workbook. 0
 - Simply follow the process outlined in the workbook. Begin by sharing each participant’s definitions and reflections from the prep work in synodal style
 - And then move on to a “conversation in the Spirit” in a synodal style following the process in the workbook
 - Ask each group to be specific about their proposals for action in Step 4 of each exercise
 - Each group should write their proposals out so they can be shared with all and kept for use in pastoral planning

3. Gather the results of this powerful process and share it with your parish priest, team members, key leaders, and planners.