

Gathering the wisdom

Make sure you have made notes that can be followed up. This will help you as you develop your partnership.

Look out for *Building Hope* pastoral aids on how to:

- Develop a Partnership Council of Parishes
- Review your Mass Scheduling in the Partnership
- Further develop your Funeral Ministries
- Support Voluntary Ministries

A blessing for *Building Hope* (pray this together)

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare
to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

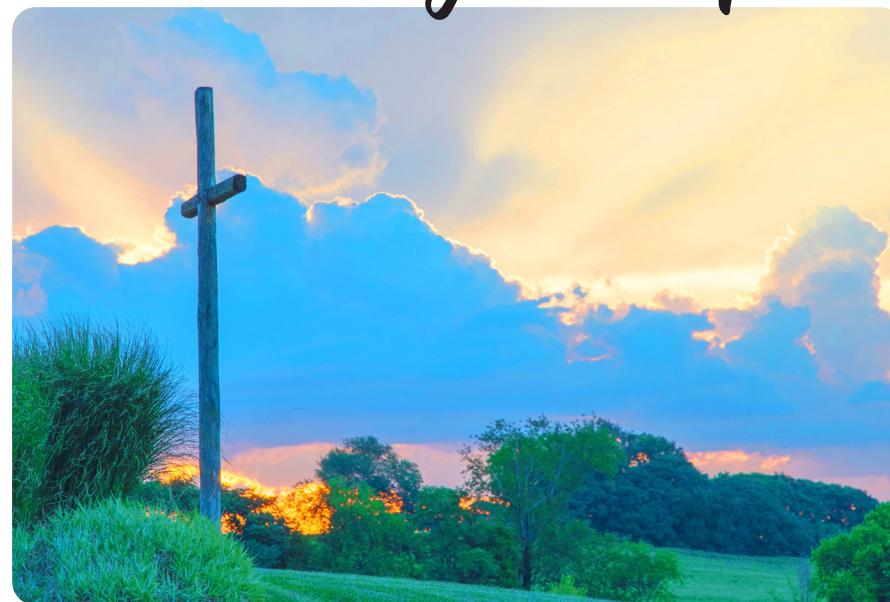
Food and chat

This is an ideal time to share food together and socialise in order to build relationships, Building Hope together.

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Building Hope in Partnership

First Joint Pastoral Teams Gathering

Archdiocese of Dublin

Suggested format for gathering led by host parish team

Welcome and introductions

Take time to welcome one another and to introduce yourself. Then move on to share your hopes and fears for the partnership.

Sharing our Hopes and Fears

Share on the following questions in a synodal, prayerful, listening manner:

First: What are my hopes for the partnership of parishes?

As each person shares, simply listen

Second: What are my fears for the partnership of parishes?

As each person shares, simply listen

Reflection and Prayer

Invite someone to read the scripture passage aloud while all listen

From the Letter to the Philippians 1:3-6

I thank my God every time I remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you,

I always pray with joy

because of your partnership in the Gospel

from the first day until now,

being confident of this,

that he who began a good work in you

will carry it on to completion

until the day of Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

After some silence share words or phrases that are striking you.

As each person shares, simply listen.

When everyone has shared, gather all of the reflections together by praying together the *Glory Be To The Father*.

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Practical Pastoral Initiatives for Development

As you work together to enable the partnership to grow in these first few months, you will be invited to consider the following initial first steps.

Parish Pastoral Councils

- Reflecting as a new Pastoral Partnership Team, what role will PPCs play in working together?
- How can we work towards a Partnership Council for Parishes, so that there is a balance between the parish and the partnership?
- How many PPC meetings in a year will be taking place?

Mass Scheduling

- What is the Sunday Mass schedule currently across the partnership?
- How can we review this together so that it enables quality celebrations across the partnership?

Funeral Ministries

- In light of the need for development of Funeral Ministry, who are we identifying in the partnership to take a lead?
- Who is already trained? Who might we invite into participation?
- What further training needs are there?

Growing and Supporting Voluntary Ministries

- In light of the need to grow new voluntary ministries, how can we share the various ministries that are in each of our parishes?
- What other ministries do we have beyond liturgical ministry – e.g. social outreach group, Laudato Si' initiative?
- How can we grow towards a shared approach to training for voluntary ministries?
- What support do we need to develop a shared approach?

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