

Begin to DISCERN and PLAN together...

as one PARTNERSHIP FINANCE FORUM

Call upon the Holy Spirit –

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Spend some time in silence...then share on the following questions:

1. **In all we have considered, what do we feel called to do?** What could we plan for and make a priority in the year ahead? Name two or three objectives which would help in resourcing the mission of the parish partnership?
2. **How can we best go about it?** What actions will we need to take to achieve the objectives? Who will be responsible for the action and in what timeframe?
3. In order to be effective, how frequently will the new **Partnership Finance Forum** meet? When and where will our next meeting be?

PRAY together slowly

A BLESSING FOR BUILDING HOPE

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.

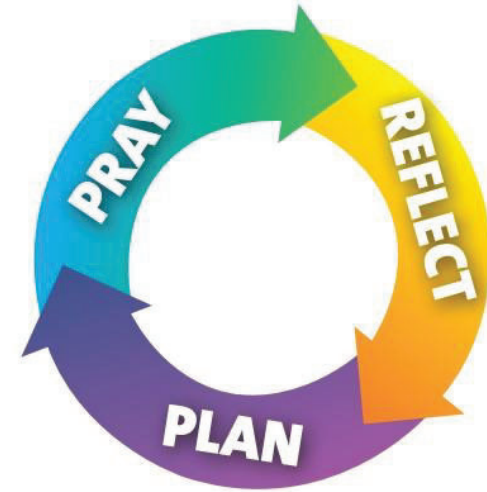
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

Building Hope



TOWARDS A PARTNERSHIP FINANCE FORUM

**A Pastoral Aid for
Parish Finance Committees**

Archdiocese of Dublin

Suggested format for gathering together of two members of each Parish Finance Committee led by host Parish Finance Committee

Welcome and introductions

Take time to welcome one another and to introduce yourself.

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.

Reflect on the scripture in a synodal, prayerful, listening manner;

- After some silence share words or phrases which resonate with you.
- As each person shares, simply listen.
- When everyone who wishes to do so, has shared, gather all of the reflections together by praying together slowly;

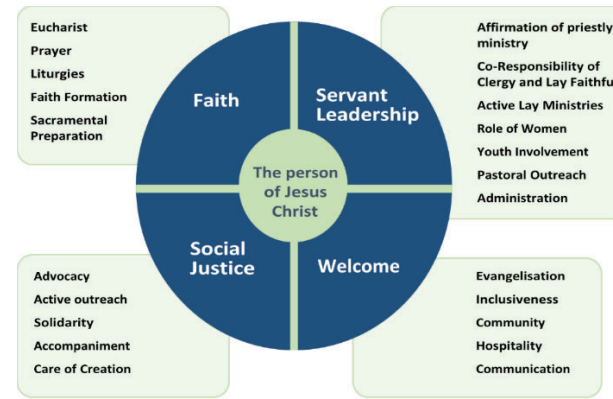
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**Practical Initiatives for Discussion & Development**

As you work together to enable your new **Partnership Finance Forum** to develop, you are invited to begin to consider the following points:

1. How can we best resource the missionary priorities of the partnership of parishes to which we belong?



**Note:** Bear in mind the [Statement of Mission & Informing Principles](#), the Framework for Pastoral Renewal (left) and the pastoral initiatives of the Pastoral Council.

2. Could economies of scale be achieved in sharing utility, payroll or other providers? Or employing a centralised procurement strategy across the partnership? Or linking to the centralised diocesan arrangements?
3. The Partnership or Parish Pastoral Council, having reviewed the number of staff employed in a pastoral capacity across the partnership, may have identified the need to employ a Faith Development Worker for the partnership. **If that need has been identified, how can we, as the Partnership Finance Forum, sustainably finance the role /share the costs?**
4. **Would it be helpful to undertake a fundraising initiative together in partnership for the above appointment, or other purposes?**
5. **Are there staff vacancies across the partnership?** Is there a possibility to share resources e.g. book keeping, facilities management etc.?
6. **Looking to our parish pastoral centres, are we balancing appropriately the financial needs of the parishes with the social outreach to which our Mission calls us?** Are we caring for our elderly, sick, vulnerable, our young people, our young families? Are we supporting and resourcing our Pastoral Councils in reaching out to those beyond our church doors - those on the margins of our community?
7. **What do the future residential property needs of the partnership look like?** Can we collectively identify the properties which we preferentially wish to retain into the future?