

Teaching Parish Development and Engaging Whole of Diocese

What is Parish Development?

Parish Development is the development of parishes of all sizes, locations and conditions into more faithful, healthy and effective communities of faith that are:

- Focused on and faithful to their unique reason for being/primary task as parishes which are local expressions of the Body of Christ
- Connected to and expressive of their unique ecclesial tradition, ethos and character
- Self-renewing and responsive to the challenges and opportunities before them
- Sustainable or working toward greater sustainability in terms of a fit between the elements of their organizational life: vision for ministry, leadership, culture, size, property, finances, etc.

1. What is our Vision for Teaching Parish Development and Engaging Whole of Diocese?

- a. DC is an active body. "Growing communities of faith in Jesus Christ to serve God's mission in the world."
- b. PD is embedded in all that DC does
- c. DC members are engaged in the lives of parishes

2. What would be the role of DC

- a. See-er
 - i. Mystery worshipper
 - ii. Visit with Bishop

3. What resources do we need?

- a. Job Description for DC members which includes roles of:
 - i. See-er
 - ii. Go-er
 - iii. Send-er
- b. Training on parish visitation
 - i. observer
 - ii. giving feedback
- c. Training of Gather-Transform-Send with focus on Transform
- d. Curated links for Gather-Transform-Send on Diocesan Website.

4. Who is doing what?

- a. Creating Job Description – Steering Committee
- b. Training – any of trainers or consultants as part of DC meetings
- c. Researching internet – This working group; and any other members who find something
 - i. Gather – Andrew & Phil
 - ii. Transform – Lynne & David
 - iii. Send - Janice
- d. Ruth decides what goes on Diocesan Website