

Parish Pastoral Council Formation

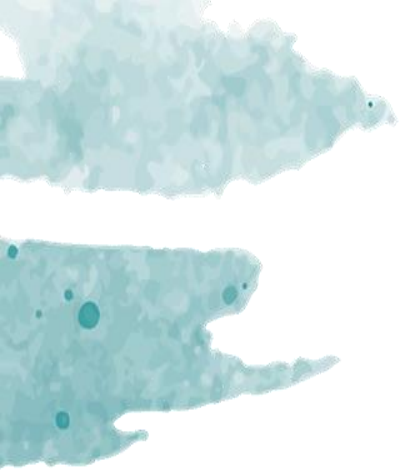
Part Two



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STRENGTHENING AND REVITALISING PARISHES



- Welcome
- Acknowledgement of Country
- Prayer





Overview - Day 2

Parish Pastoral Councils are at the core of parish life. Prayer and discernment are the foundation and guide that ensure that the decision making and lives of the people in a particular parish are consistent with Gospel values, the teachings of the Church, the policies of the diocese and the values of the parish.

Our aim today

- To come to an understanding of importance of prayer within Parish Pastoral Council Meetings
- To come to an understanding of the role of discernment within Parish Pastoral Council Meetings
- To further develop the steps necessary for an effective Parish Pastoral Plan.



Overview of Part 2



**Recap of
Part 1**

10.15- 10.30

**The
Importance of
Prayer**

**Prayer and
PPC meetings**



10.30-11.00

Discernment

**The role of
Discernment n
PPC meetings**

11.00 - 11.45

**A process for
discerning**

11.45-12.30

**Planning
Strategically
Part 2**

1.15-3.10

**Q and A
session**

3.10 – 3.30

LUNCH



Congratulations!
You are a member of the
Parish Pastoral Council....

What did you hear on the first day of the
PPC formation that inspired you?



Recap of Part 1





Recap – Part 1

1. What is a parish
2. What do parishes do
3. What is a Parish Pastoral Council
4. That is the function and role of a Parish Pastoral Council
5. What is a Pastoral Action/Activity
6. What **is** the task of the Parish Pastoral Council
7. Introduction to developing a Parish Pastoral Planning

A parish in the words of Pope Francis

The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community... capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity. *[Evangelii Gaudium 28]*

- the presence of the Church in a given territory
- where the Church lives
- a community of communities... and a centre of constant missionary outreach
- an environment for hearing God's word, and growth in the Christian life

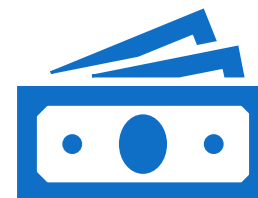


What does a Parish Do



Foster pastoral activities

Parish Pastoral Council



Administer goods

Finance Council



A Parish Pastoral Council is ...

An elective body

A consultative body

A collaborative body

A representative body



The Role of the PPC

Is ministerial not merely functional

To promote the Church's mission

To live and communicate the love, values and teachings of Christ in the world

Shares the responsibility for the ongoing development of faith in the parish

To provide support parishioners in their efforts to live as followers of Christ

What is Pastoral Action

Pastoral Action is ...

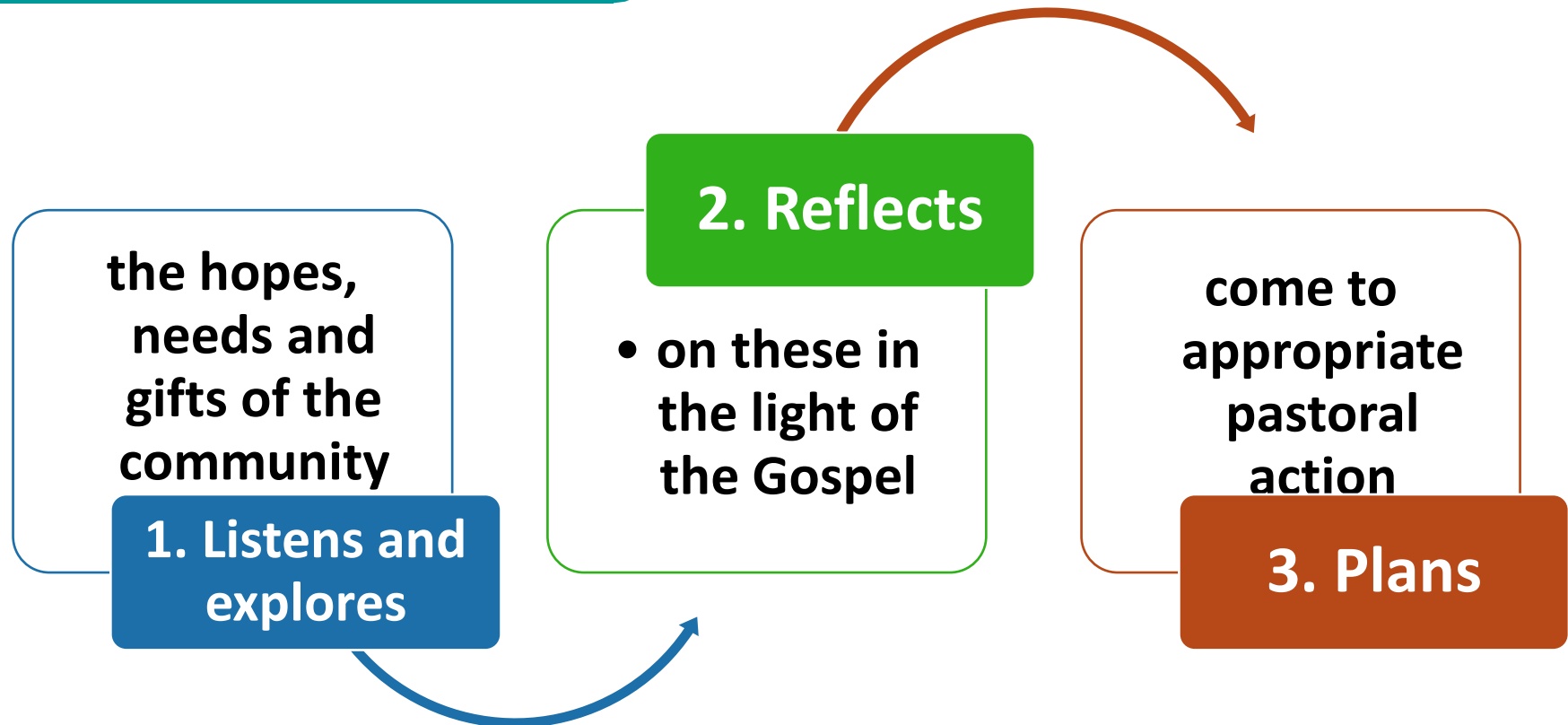
- **inspired by the Gospel** – centred on its proclamation

Action that is intended to ...

- build warm human community
- nourish the faith of its members
- enable members to celebrate their lives in liturgical worship
- enable members to give witness to their faith in daily life.



A Pastoral Activity



What is the real task

Strategic

Thinkers -

Parish Pastoral
Council

big world view-
visionary in nature



THINKING BIG
THINKING DEEP
THINKING IN TIME.

Operational

Doers –

Financial Council
Parish Ministries

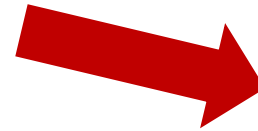
the nitty gritty



In summary



The primary function of the Parish Pastoral Council is to foster the parish's pastoral activity by



- studying parish issues
- proposing practical conclusions to the pastor
- assessing and promoting the pastoral activity of the parish
- collaborating with all ministries within the parish, neighbouring parishes and Church agencies to carry out the mission of the Church
- developing long range strategies for the future of the parish



In Conclusion



Parish Pastoral Councils all have the single purpose of ensuring that the local Church community, ... has every possible opportunity to carry forward the mission of Jesus Christ.

The Council is a gift of the Holy Spirit ... a work of the Holy Spirit and a witness to the Spirit's presence in the Church

Pope Benedict



Prayer and Discernment



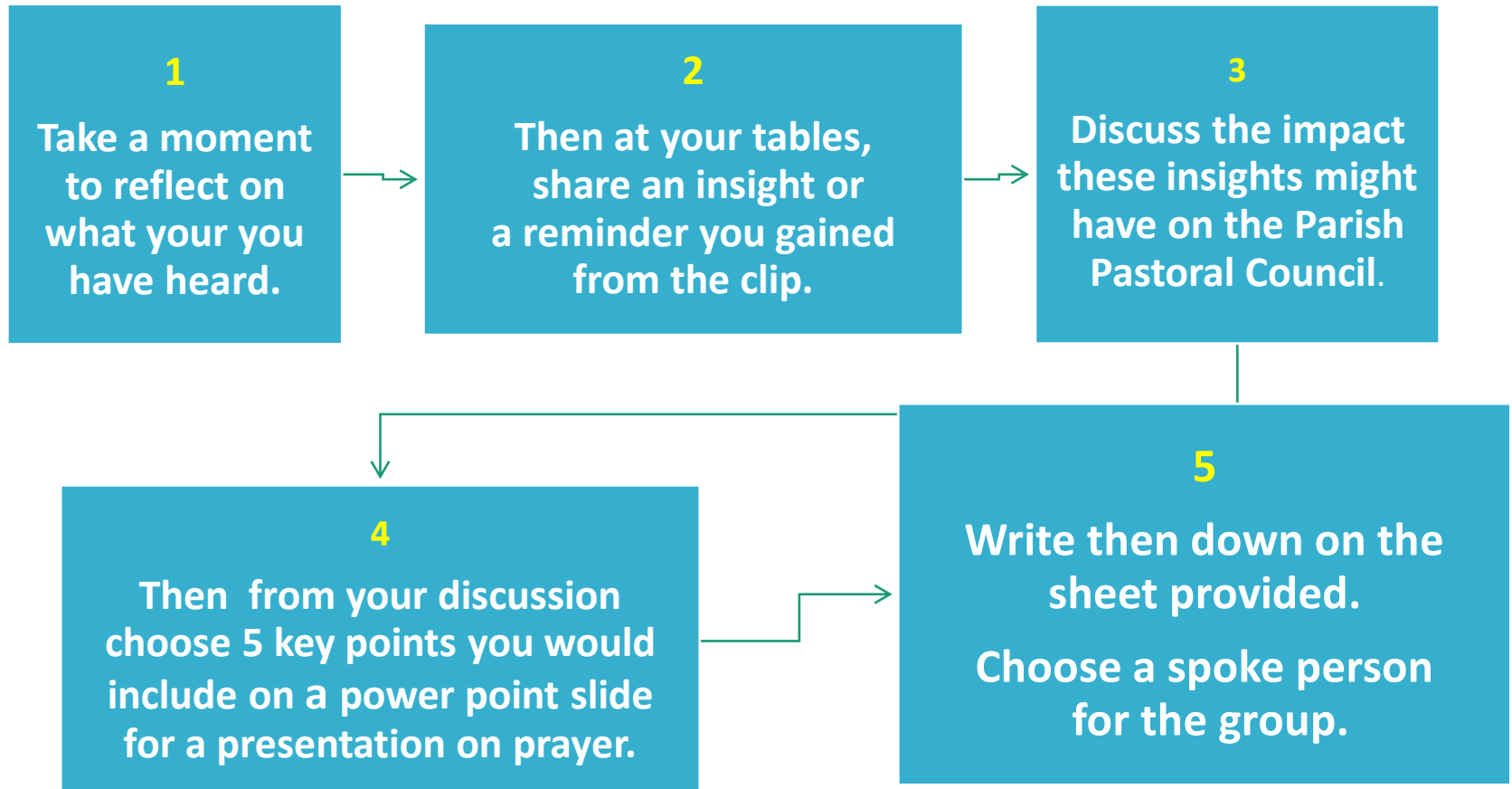
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Task 1

What is Prayer



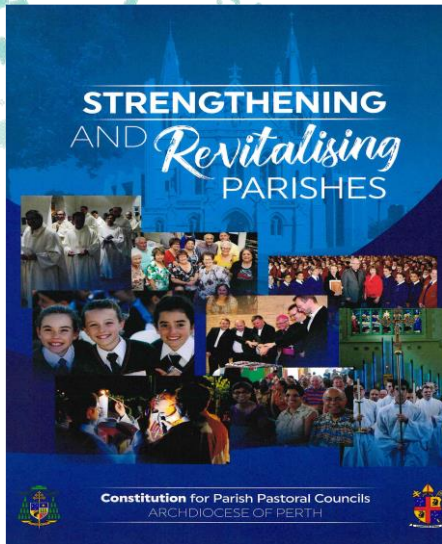
Prayer - an integral part of Parish Pastoral Meetings

Effective meetings begin and end with prayer and, when necessary, turn to prayer during the meeting. This could be the case where matters of very serious consequence for the parish are to be considered and decided and helpful where contentious matters have introduced some tension.

Ehandbook - Section Three



Discerning membership



6.1 Recommended criteria for membership

6.2 Composition of the Council

6.3 – 6.6 Tenure and re election

6.7 Resignation

6.8 Absent without apology

Selection

7.1 AGM or selected by the parish Priest in consultation with the PPC

7.2 – 7.5 What needs to be considered

Plenary Council Discernment Process

- Short Scripture passage, reflecting the issue to be discussed or planned.
- Scripture read aloud.
- A silence.
- Passage read aloud again.
- Silence: ten minutes.
- Each member shares, beginning with:
- ***In relation to the question/issue, through the Word of today, I heard the Spirit speaking to me...*** Each member shares again, beginning with the words:
- ***In the Voices of the group, I heard the Spirit saying.....***