



The Way: Going Forward in Christ
2020 Parish Renewal Series
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Session 1: The Way of Christ and Pastoral Priorities

Questions for Further Consideration:

- ◆ Who are the key people within the parish to lead others towards renewal with their passion, wisdom, creativity?
- ◆ How might we think of this time as an evangelizing moment for your parish?
- ◆ What are the needs of parish life that have been long neglected, and which have recently emerged?

Session 2: Forming Community through Eucharistic Solidarity (November 30)

Questions for Further Consideration:

- ◆ In what concrete way can your parish empower direct, personal contact in these unstable times?
- ◆ Who are the people within the parish that can provide energy, organization, and compassion to in/outreach?
- ◆ How can your parish community best perceive and act on the needs of your surrounding community?

Follow-up Resources:

- ◆ Pope Francis's Op-Ed in the New York Times, [on solidarity and transformation](#).
- ◆ Leonard DeLorenzo's "[Why Community is Needed Now More than Ever](#)"

Session 3: Reclaiming the Mission to Pass on the Faith (December 7)

Questions for Further Consideration:

- ◆ What are the current models of "passing on the faith" in your parish? Are parishioners urged to responsibility?
- ◆ What do you and your fellow parishioners need to be empowered and supported to "pass on the faith"?
- ◆ How do you build community in order to form others in faith, through prayer, conversation, study, service?

Follow-up Resource:

- ◆ Information on [Turn to the Lord](#), a resource for developing "Catholic Formation Groups" for Confirmation prep and RCIA.

Session 4: Sustaining Life through Prayer (December 14)

Questions for Further Consideration:

- ◆ How might you guide fellow parishioners to habits of prayer & devotion that shape daily lives?
- ◆ What are the right times for your parish to focus together on praying with the saints, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, or Adoration?
- ◆ Who can take the lead in teaching families to adopt these practices with the aid of resources?

Follow-up Resources:

- ◆ Register for the free "[Praying with the Saints](#)" series, beginning January 1, 2021.
- ◆ Access the free "[Guide to Night Prayer](#)" resource (great for families).
- ◆ Access the free "[Scripture Pilgrimage to Christ](#)" resource (great for parish groups).
- ◆ Listen to "[Eucharist Means Thanksgiving](#)" podcast episode, with reflections from saints on the exchange of thanksgiving in the Eucharist. Texts of the reflections in the episode [available here](#).
- ◆ Listen to this podcast episode with [sermons from saints](#) on Advent and Christmas.
- ◆ More [free resources](#) from McGrath Institute for Church Life, and info on [online courses](#).