

WORKSHOP OUTLINE: Unless your Parish is ALIVE you will be living in a cemetery.

STYLE: Opening Question | Discernment (Individual & Communal) | MISSION STATEMENT

PART ONE: INTRODUCTIONS BY LEADERS AND WORKSHOP RULES (10 minutes)

Rules for Workshop: 1. The sharing by other men is confidential; 2. Give other men time to speak (be succinct); and 3. Concentrate on your positive MISSION not your negative experiences.

PART TWO: QUESTIONS.

Quick Question: (10 minutes)

What are 3 things that you like and 3 things you do not like about your parish?

Share with man beside you and then we will have a communal sharing.

Longer Questions: What is the difference between a parish community and a group of like-minded religious folk; and how do you go about making a parish a community that is ALIVE?

Deal with First Question (10 minutes):

What is the difference between a parish community and a group of like-minded religious folk?

Time for individual reflection, to share with man beside you and with the group.

Deal with Second Question (10 minutes):

*How do **you** go about making a parish a community that is **ALIVE**?*

Time for individual reflection, to share with man beside you and with the group.

PART THREE: PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT (15 minutes: Morning | 20 minutes: Afternoon).

Time to discern a personal MISSION STATEMENT. Outlining what you are already doing about the situation in your parish and what is the MORE that you are going to do about making your parish community a parish community that is ALIVE.

ALIVE in the sense that the parish community is an outwardly looking parish with a strong sense of purpose and mission for the salvation of all those within the community, but just as importantly all those peoples outside the community. It is not just a place where people with attitudes or interests in common gather with an inward focus on individual salvation.

PART FOUR: SHARING OUR MISSION STATEMENTS (15 minutes: Morning | 20 minutes: Afternoon).

Time for people to share the most important commitment to the MORE that they are going to do within their personal MISSION STATEMENT for their parish community to have it come ALIVE.

WRAP UP & PRAYER for GRACE of men's MISSION. (5 minutes: Morning | 10 minutes: Afternoon).