

PART ONE

Scenario A

- Small groups
- Faith sharing
- Events with discipleship speakers
- “Am I addressing the head or the heart?”
- Working people into the practice of prayer, importance of adoration
- Gathering around food – mimicking family experience
- Thinking about our language – talking about our hunger, thirst, brokenness
- How do we translate theological language into developmentally-appropriate everyday language that connects with everyday life.
- Not a sage on the stage, but a guide on the side.
- Temptation to think “I have to turn the parish around”, instead, focus on one person at a time – relational.
- Prayer (encouraging prayer and praying ourselves)
- Much hinges on relationships – relationships between people and between the person and Jesus Christ.

Scenario B

Start with marriage ministry, lead into baptismal prep

Accompaniment

Having a more welcoming atmosphere for parents of children

Making sure there is a lot of witnessing going on

Importance of family catechetical programs

Need accompaniment because sometimes they are not equipped

Lack confidence

Lack of continuity in programming for families – need more to bridge the gaps, especially family programs

Meet parents where they are, especially families in struggle

Lack of sacramental mystagogia is a problem

Parishes need a better system of introductions

Good Liturgy that is child- and family-friendly

Encourage the mindset that we are growing together

Also concentrate on the whole parish – intergenerational formation

PART TWO

SCENARIO A

Walk with/accompany family

Build trust

Listen

Wording on registration forms, etc.

Exploring options

Looking outward

Calling forth parishioners/professionals

Education for the parish/advocacy

Support for parents

Intentional about outreach and invitation

Openness to sacramental preparation and celebration

Diocesan awareness day – Diocese of Hamilton

This is a pro-life issue

What are the strengths? How can persons with disabilities use their gifts?

SCENARIO B

Must look at subsidiarity and solidarity

Meet the migrants, don't assume what they need

What are their strengths and resources?

Parish inventory – what language speakers do you have, who might assist in outreach?

Offering services includes migrants who aren't Catholic but might need other services

How can we support them in finding their own cultural foods/making them feel at home?

In parishes – equipping with Catholic Social Teaching

PART THREE

SCENARIO A

Takes time

Need to invest time into each group and person

What are the needs of the people in the parish and the groups in the parish?

Pastoral sensitivity – especially with different cultural ministries.

Everyone should be welcomed

If a change is going to be made, it should be explained.

Affirm that each group has something to offer.

Always seek common ground.

Bringing the cultures of the parish together to celebrate the patron of the parish.

Linking different movements and groups to the faith formation program in some way (e.g.,

Divine Mercy group could pray for Confirmation candidates).

Have a common experience – family gatherings.

SCENARIO B

Need lots of dialogue with leaders first.

Have some “debunking the myths/preconceptions” event in neutral territory.

Have an open house in each place where everyone is welcome.

Define common missions we could cooperate on.

Be upfront and clear in dialogue that there are major differences – not all the same.

Providing opportunities to build relationships and spend time with one another (e.g. pilgrimage to Holy Land together).