

Our Parish Plan: Full Form PDF

This is a PDF of the full parish planning form so that you may view each of the questions, in the online form, at a quick glance. We ask that the parish plans be submitted by the online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/t9N6jT9FFj> which can also be located on our the relevant pages of the Agency website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/our-parish-plan>

Preamble

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form, which forms part of your missionary activity as a parish. It serves two purposes.

First and most importantly, it provides a mechanism allowing your parishes to reflect on how you deliver the three core elements of Evangelisation, Catechesis and Formation in the upcoming year. It provides a record and enables you to revisit your decisions in the future. It also offers a context for the role that Parish Leads will play across the diocese.

Secondly, it will allow the Agency to see common issues and common solutions and put parishes and people in touch with each other in a quick and easy manner.

There are 3 sections – one for Evangelisation, Catechesis and Formation respectively.

If you have only completed a plan in one area – please detail briefly what is already happening in the other areas in order to move on to the next session.

Please note that all Parish Plans must be submitted using the online form only. Thank you.

It is important to note that this plan is to be considered 'live'. Therefore, please keep a copy of it for your records and make space for reviewing the activities undertaken.

1. Name of Parish (required)

2. Mass Count (required)

Options: <100; 101-249; 250-499; 500-749; 750-999; 1000-1499; 1500+

3. How would you describe your parish? (required)

Please select all that apply

Options: Multiple Mass Centres; Transient; Settled; Rural; Urban; Suburban (commuter); Coastal; Has a hospital/hospitals; Has a school/schools; Has a university nearby; Well resourced; Impoverished; Served by a religious order; Strong social justice tradition; Strong emphasis on the liturgy; Strong educational focus; Strong devotional tradition; Strong emphasis on community and parish events

Evangelisation

How do we define evangelisation?

EVANGELISATION means to fulfil the mandate of Jesus Christ to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19), so that all might respond to the Father's love and be saved through communion with Jesus and his body, the Church. At the core of evangelisation is 'the proclamation of Christ and his Gospel by word and the testimony of life,' which invites conversion, evidenced through faith in Christ, repentance, and full communion with the Catholic Church. Here, we are primarily focused on those activities focused on 'outreach' to the lapsed, the 'lost' (cf. Luke 15:4-7) and those who wish to rediscover their faith.

4. Your Vision for Evangelisation (optional)

What is the Lord's desire for this parish? How expectant are we that the Lord has a plan for this parish and would wish to reveal it to us? What do we want this parish to be?

5. Your reality for Evangelisation (optional)

Please highlight any realities particular to your parish which have an effect on your plan e.g. number of people actively involved in the delivery of evangelisation activities; what is currently happening in terms of evangelisation and the nature of the community in which the parish is situated.

6. Your Plan for Evangelisation (required)

What do you already do in Evangelisation? What event(s) or which area(s) do you want to give priority to at this time? What current activity are you looking to develop? Is there something new that you are looking to try?

e.g. Outreach to the lapsed by visitation/ mailing/ calls, running a course such as Landings, Discovery or Alpha.

7. Evangelisation Plan - What outcome(s) do you hope to see? (required)

Try to be specific - e.g. as a result of this course or event, we are hoping to see four new people be received into the Church at Easter; or we expect 15 people will be start to share their faith story with others as a result of training.

8. Evangelisation Plan - What is required to enact the plan? (required)

What do you already have? What extra help do you need?

9. How could your present or future work in Evangelisation benefit other parishes? (optional)

What sessions or ideas could be shared? What resources or effort could be shared across a deanery?

Catechesis

How do we define catechesis?

CATECHESIS (to 'echo' faith) teaches a knowledge of the faith, including Sacred Scripture and the Church's living tradition. Catechesis helps the believer understand the Church's liturgy, all of which lead one to Christ present in the Eucharist. Catechesis shows what it means to be holy in daily life, particularly in the 'domestic church' where 'children receive the first proclamation of faith' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1666). Here, we are mainly looking at the education in the Faith of children and young people towards the fullness of the Christian life.

10. Your Vision for Catechesis (optional)

What is the Lord's desire for this parish? How expectant are we that the Lord has a plan for this parish and would wish to reveal it to us? What do we want this parish to be?

11. Your reality for Catechesis (optional)

Please highlight any realities particular to your parish which have an effect on your plan e.g. number of people actively involved in the delivery of catechesis activities; what is currently happening in terms of catechesis and the nature of the community in which the parish is situated.

12. Your Plan for Catechesis (required)

What do you already do in Catechesis? What event(s) or which area(s) do you want to give priority to at this time? What current activity are you looking to develop? Is there something new that you are looking to try?

e.g. Developing outreach to parents after baptism preparation, running a Bible study for post-FHC children.

13. Catechesis Plan - What outcome(s) do you hope to see? (required)

Try to be specific - e.g. as a result of this change to the catechetical programme, we aim to have greater involvement from parents and two clear opportunities for their faith development in the course of the year; or we expect that half of the young people, post-Confirmation, will join a new programme with a focus on discipleship.

14. Catechesis Plan - What is required to enact the plan? (required)

What do you already have? What extra help do you need?

15. How could your present or future work in Catechesis benefit other parishes? (optional)

What sessions or ideas could be shared? What resources or effort could be shared across a deanery?

Formation

How do we define formation?

FORMATION is an answer to the call to growth and a continual process in the maturation of faith, of always bearing much fruit. Every single Christian is charged with a gradual and lifelong process in which we are ever-growing in spiritual and dogmatic formation. God grants us the dignity of appointing us to be labourers in his vineyard. Formation not only equips us to answer this call, but empowers us to thrive in it. By virtue of our baptism, every Christian is compelled to embrace spiritual development and familiarity with the teachings of the Church. Here, we focus on activities that help the lifelong process for adults in intellectual, moral and spiritual growth.

16. Your Vision for Formation (optional)

What is the Lord's desire for this parish? How expectant are we that the Lord has a plan for this parish and would wish to reveal it to us? What do we want this parish to be?

17. Your reality for Formation (optional)

Please highlight any realities particular to your parish which have an effect on your plan e.g. number of people actively involved in the delivery of formation activities; what is currently happening in terms of adult formation and the nature of the community in which the parish is situated.

18. Your Plan for Formation (required)

What do you already do in Formation? What event(s) or which area(s) do you want to give priority to at this time? What current activity are you looking to develop? Is there something new that you are looking to try?

e.g. Running a course such as Catholicism : Pivotal Players or the Biblical Walk through the Mass; introducing lectio divina in the evenings; a series of talks on the mission of the Church today.

19. Formation Plan - What outcome(s) do you hope to see? (required)

Try to be specific - e.g. we aim to have 20% of the parish participating in small groups either in the home or parish centre by the summer; or we will undertake a series of talks on prayer to which 10 non-churchgoing friends of parishioners will be invited; or a small Bible study group will be formed and will have a positive impact on the quality of reading at Mass.

20. Formation Plan - What is required to enact the plan? (required)

What do you already have? What extra help do you need?

21. How could your present or future work in Formation benefit other parishes? (optional)

What sessions or ideas could be shared? What resources or effort could be shared across a deanery?

Additional Info

22. Do you have any documents that you would like to upload? (optional)

23. Parish Lead for Evangelisation (name/email address)

Where a Parish Lead has not been appointed, the Parish Priest will be the point of contact for the Deanery Mentors.

24. Parish Lead for Catechesis (name/email address)

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25. Parish Lead for Formation (name/email address)

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