

# PARISH TIMELINE + CHECKLIST

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## OCTOBER 2021 - DECEMBER 2022

### 1. INVITE THE PARISH TO PRAY

Resources available on the Mission webpage: [www.melbournecatholic.org/mission](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/mission)

### 2. PREPARE

**Choose your Parish Coordinators.** With the Priests, Parish Coordinators will assist in leadership of the parish discernment process and represent the parish at cross-parish meetings. They will be a point of contact between the parish and the Archdiocese.

**Priests and Parish Coordinators meet to plan.** Now that you've your planning group in place, get together and plan a consultation process for your parish.

- What did you hear at the regional meeting?
- Review supplied resources for parish meetings. Using the resources:
  - Inform key stakeholders such as your Pastoral Council, parish staff, finance committee and key ministry leads
  - Plan a number of targeted consultations for groups of parishioners.

**“Beginning the Journey” Workshop.** This is a prayerful reading of the “Take the Way of the Gospel” letter. It outlines our ‘why’ and is a great way to prepare parishioners for your series of parish meetings. Slides, a facilitator guide and a participant sheet are available **online**.

**Online networking/support sessions.** Online networking and support sessions for Priests and Parish Coordinators will be available in each region, in the weeks following your regional meeting. You will be notified of dates.

Read more about Take the Way of the Gospel: [www.melbournecatholic.org/mission](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/mission)

### 3. CONSULT & DISCERN: PHASE 1

**Facilitate Parish meetings.** Offer a series of parish information sessions. Beginning with prayer, these sessions offer information on the Missions process and seek initial feedback from parishioners. (See *Hosting a Parish Discernment Meeting* document)

**Further in-Parish discernment meetings.** After the initial round of meetings, the planning group discern:

- What are the initial themes from the consultations we have had with our people? What have we heard?
- What are the emerging opportunities/roadblocks?
- What are we called to reflect on here in the context of the neighbouring parishes we have been asked to dialogue with?

### SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK (ANY TIME!)

[bit.ly/TWGFeedbackLoop](https://bit.ly/TWGFeedbackLoop)

Use the above link to let us know what your parish is thinking and doing, and outline resources or help you need.

**Receive support.** Every parish is in a unique situation. Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal has a list of facilitators, workshops and resources available. To learn more, contact your regional Animation Consultant.

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### 4. CONSULT & DISCERN: PHASE 2

**Meet with the other parishes in your illustrative Mission grouping.** A series of meetings which begin to scope the potential, possibilities and roadblocks for your illustrative Mission. Resources and facilitators will be available.

## THROUGHOUT 2022

### 5. CHECK-IN

**Regional check-ins.** An ongoing quarterly opportunity for regional illustrative Missions to meet and share their progress, learnings and questions with each other and the Archdiocese.

- How are you going? What do you want others to hear?
- What have you learnt? What are you doing that you can share?
- Is your illustrative Mission territory about right? Why? Why not?
- What do you need to move towards a decision to become a Mission in your area?

Consultation and discernment may result in groups of parishes proposing Mission groupings that are quite different to the ones initially suggested. Groups of parishes are encouraged to develop innovative and creative ideas as they work together to plan how they might share their gifts and resources for mission.

This process may take several years.