

PASTORS' TOOLKIT



Leadership Toolkit for Faith Study Coordinators

PASTOR INVOLVEMENT IN PARISH FAITH STUDIES

For any parish-based program to thrive and be integrated into parish life in a sustainable way, the pastor's support and involvement is critical. However, pastors simply don't have the time to run every program a parish offers. For this reason, CCO encourages that a lay leader or leadership team at each parish be committed to managing this program.

PASTOR ENGAGEMENT

Pastors are encouraged to dedicate at least 30 minutes each week to care of the Faith Study program. Of course, if it is a fit with other pastoral priorities and the pastor so desires, he may spend more.

Here are some suggested ways for pastors to engage with the program:

- Make announcements
- Personally asks people to participate
- Lead opening prayer
- Meet one on one with those who have participated in Commission to help discern where they can best serve in ministry
- Be involved in forming the Faith Study small groups
- Have a commissioning ceremony at Sunday Mass for those who complete Commission

We would strongly encourage the pastor to:

- Selecting the parish coordinator or leadership team
- Work with the parish coordinator or leadership team to select Faith Study leaders
- Integrate the faith studies into the life of the parish

- Support and encourage the project
- Drop in on Faith Study sessions occasionally
- Speak about the project on Sundays and give space for the program to be promoted (including: testimonies, homily, intercessions)
- Work with the parish coordinator to create the Faith Study implementation plan for your parish

We also offer varying levels of consultation and support for efforts using our materials in the parish. The first consultation call (up to a full hour) is always free so we can better understand your situation and what type of ongoing support would be best for your parish. Contact us here: