

When and where are we going to meet weekly?

Who is on our team?

1. *Pastor* _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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A parish discernment team must be built on vulnerability-based trust. Therefore, it is necessary to spend the first 3 to 4 gatherings getting to know each other and rooting your time and conversations in prayer. We realize the temptation to roll up your sleeves and jump into action, but this step is vital to the faithfulness and fruitfulness of your group.

Personal History Sharing Activity: With the pastor leading we his response, share your answers to the following questions:

Where were you born and raised?

How many siblings do you have and in what order are you?

What was unique or interesting about your family life growing up?

Forming a Parish Discernment Team

During your second gathering share with each other how God has uniquely acted in your life or share your brief testimony. Remember, the pastor should lead in this activity.

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- How did you come to encounter Christ personally? What experiences with Him led you to say yes to Jesus in a way that you knew would make real demands on your life?
- What was different in your life before you gave your 'yes' to Jesus Christ?
- What changes have you made after your 'yes' to follow Christ?

If you have time, share with each other your dreams for your parish.

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In this session, spend at least 30 minutes sharing your personal needs with each other and lift each other up in prayer.

As you start forming as a cohesive team comprised of individual personalities it is helpful to understand each other's workstyles. Do you tend be more analytical, amiable, expressive, or a driver? (download the activity worksheet at www.archokc.org/pdt)

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It is necessary to be rooted in prayer. Be open and receptive to the Holy Spirit as you discern the needs and direction of your parish. Include your intentions for your parish as you continue to pray for each other.

As you prepare for the first phase the Vision 2030 process, complete the parish assessment tool individually and then share as a group. (download the assessment worksheet at www.archokc.org/pdt)