

Online Participant Guide – Video, Prayer & Reflection

Next STEPS Video:

How to approach the journey to discipleship

In this video, Father Michael talks about the importance of viewing faith as a journey and a series of steps, shown through lifestyle choices: Serving in Ministry & Missions; Ithing & Giving; Engaging in a Small Group; Practicing Prayer & Sacraments; and Sharing through Evangelization. While we do not earn our way to heaven or into a relationship with God, it does not mean we do not have put in effort. God wants to lead us to complete faith and trust in him. Faith requires works. As James said, "Faith without works is dead." (James 2:14-22)

Fr Michael outlines the five major steps we need to take to become fully devoted followers of Christ, and highlights that they are not obligations to check off, but helpful and necessary steps, to support us on our journey, and make us more successful in our lives.

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Reflection / Discussion Question:

"Following your reflections on Next STEPS in the past couple of weeks - what became clearer to you after hearing Father Michael's message?"

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Prayer & Reflection:

Pray by yourself, or together with others for God's wisdom and guidance to find your Next STEP, then take a moment to reflect / make notes in your Next STEPS booklet.

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Reflection / Discussion Question:

Ask yourself: *"What, up to now, has prevented me from making more of a personal contribution to the life of the parish?"*

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Reflection / Discussion Question:

“What culture, and other factors are important in ensuring that we have the right volunteers, staff and leadership in the church?”

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ACTIVITY QUESTION:

“What practical actions, habits, or behaviours could transform our parish culture, if every parishioner adopted them?”

- Take 5 quiet minutes to consider the above question and write down some answers. To assist you:
 - Review your notes / reflections on the Rebuilt book
 - Consider your own experiences (good and bad)

- Take 5 minutes individually, or together with others, to identify your “top 3 – model behaviours”.

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CALL TO ACTION:

Put into practise this week – your top 3 model behaviours!