

Facilitators Guide - Session Outline

0:00-0:05	Opening prayer and comments
0:05-0:15	Reflections on Week 5 CALL TO ACTION
0:15-0:35	Presentation on Ministries, Small Groups & Connect Sessions
0:35-0:40	5 minute break
0:40-1:05	Video #6
1:05-1:20	Small group discussion
1:20-1:30	Closing comments and prayer

Facilitators Guide – Video & Small Group Discussion

Watch Video #6:

God's call to each of us to help God rebuild our parish

Father Michael looks at scripture from the prophet Isaiah in which God tells the people to stop thinking and living in the past. He is up to something new and they should be on the look out for it.

God has called our Church to do something new. We are to be a dynamic orthodoxy that is leading the Church in our generation by being a new kind of Catholic parish. In order to have the impact we want to have, we all must lead where we are and be attentive to the new things God wants us to do in our time and in our generation. You can do this!

TABLE GROUP ACTIVITY QUESTION:

“What would be a powerful and relevant ‘vision statement’ for Holy Family Parish – a statement of what our parish could and should be?”

- Read the first 3 lines of Chapter 15, then take 2-3 minutes to quietly consider the question above.
- Take 5 minutes to share your suggestions as a group while one person writes them on the brainstorm sheet.
- Take 5 minutes to discuss and agree on your “vision statement”.
(Don’t worry if you can’t find one that everyone agrees with – but please try!)

IMPORTANT NOTES – PLEASE READ BEFORE STARTING THIS ACTIVITY:

- A vision needs to be very clear, and concise. They are generally between 5 and 25 words (give or take).
- Here are some examples of Vision statements from a few current organizations:
 - Church of the Nativity: “Making church matter by growing disciples growing disciples among disconnected Catholics in North Baltimore and influencing other churches to do the same elsewhere.”
 - Harvard University: “To develop leaders who will one day make a global difference.”
 - Save the Children: “A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development, and participation.”
- If you can’t fit everything you’d like to say into a 5-25 word statement – just state what you feel most strongly about.

**Next
STEPS****CALL TO ACTION:**

**Make one commitment, to a step that you will take within the next week.
Write it in your Next STEPS booklet, with a date that you will stick to.**

FACILITATOR NOTE:

- Continue encouraging everyone to use the Next STEPS tool, and if necessary – reinforce the point that even the smallest of steps is still a move in the right direction.
- For anyone struggling to see where their next step should be, recommend that they look back to week 3's suggested prayer.
