

Bringing MCiM to Life



What does the Parish Priest do in a Ministering Community?

The Parish Priest is called to be a missional leader coaching, guiding and supporting ministry leaders in the parish.

No longer is the Parish Priest the one who does the bulk of the ministry for and to the people. Rather the Parish Priest leads the parish to think of itself in new ways.

The Parish Priest leads the Ministry Team and encourages every baptized person in their vocation and discipleship within the church and the world.

As the parish moves into MCiM, the Parish Priest will:

1. Be a facilitator of ministry and mission
2. Support and supervise the ministry team working as its leader
3. Collaborate with the team in training people for the work of ministry, helping to establish a pattern of every member ministry
4. Motivate and encourage the parish to engage the wider community
5. Help the parish develop strategic mission directions
6. Promote excellence in ministry by supporting team development
7. Manage change and conflict within the team and the congregation
8. Meet regularly with other clergy leading ministry teams
9. Meet with the Bishops, the Archdeacon and the MDO

What is the role of the Parish Council?

In the early stages of implementing ministry teams, the Parish Council, together with the Parish Priest, leads the decision making. Once the teams are established, the Parish Council is freed to focus on stewardship ministries of building, finance and administration.