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There is never a perfect time to start the MCiM journey. People will always be busy and there are always more ministry demands than we can meet. There is never enough money in the budget.

Like swimming ... there comes a time when you have to get into the water! At the same time, we need to be sure it is safe to swim

The MCiM journey will make many demands on the Parish Priest, the Parish Council and the Parish. It can be helpful at the early stage to revisit the way people relate to each other. This will help people have confidence to voice their enthusiasm and concern even though others may disagree with them.

Healthy communities of faith recognise that God is speaking to the church today through the scriptures and through the people.

As people meet together, they

- invite everyone to participate in conversations and make ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard
- invite everyone to speak with the desire to listen and learn from others
- invite everyone to work for the wellbeing of others and always speak with charity and grace.
- affirm that people are trust to make decisions for the community and recognise consensus will not always be possible.
- affirm their commitment to work well with another so that Christ's work is done through this part of his church.

If your parish is in the process of changing priests or there is a history of conflict you might want to explore with the Bishops or the MDO some healing journeys.