



TO COMMUNITY

Session: Grill the Priest

Session Aim: A chance for the young people to get to know the deanery clergy.

This activity is very simple and may lend itself more to a filler alongside other sessions rather than as a standalone time.

However, it has been known to go on for a long time if you have an inquisitive group, and can be very interesting to hear what young people think the clergy do, or are surprised that the clergy can/cannot do!

Time	Activity
00	Welcome and Introductions Go around and introduce yourselves (name an interesting fact!)
05	Icebreaker (Please see Icebreaker booklet)
20	Priests and Clergy Introductions Clergy introduce themselves to the whole group and give some background to their lives
25	Grill the Priest! Depending on group size the clergy could sit in front of the whole set on candidates and field questions; or clergy could split into parish groups and give the young people from their own parish a chance to ask them questions. Chaplains to the Lourdes coaches would agree that this time of open questioning is one of the highlights of the pilgrimage for young people. Many young people are amazed that priests can watch TV or can go out for meals. The Lourdes experience is that young people are very respectful of this time and do not ask difficult personal questions. Young people do ask about issues they are interested in and which the church has a public stance such as homosexuality and women priests, but an openness to answering their questions can be a great way of bonding the group and often allows us



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	as a Church to correct many misapprehensions young people might have about the Church.
??	Final Prayer (Please see attached booklet)