



TO COMMUNITY

Session: Meet the Parishioners

Session Aim: Young people meet parishioners who perform certain functions in parish life and learn about their different roles. They would, hopefully, see how the parish needs a large group to function effectively. They would come to understand more fully the Body of Christ into which they are being confirmed.

Time	Activity
00	Welcome and Introductions Go around and introduce yourselves (name an interesting fact!)
05	Icebreaker (Please see Icebreaker booklet)
20	Introduction to the Session A chance for the young people to learn about the roles that different parishioners perform.
25	Parishioners who perform certain functions in the life of the parish could come to a session and talk to the assembled group. The could be done on a large-scale presentation style or split the group up and have them carousel round the different individuals for a few minutes each. Young people would learn about the different roles that people perform in the life of the parish. They would, hopefully, see how the parish needs a large group to function effectively. They would come to understand more fully the Body of Christ into which they are being confirmed. The Confirmation programme has been shaped to emphasise that young people who receive the sacrament are not alone and are part of something bigger than themselves. They will see this at the festival day and see it in school. On a local level it will be good for them to see who will be part of their worshipping community and start to build relationships with parishioners who can then offer a welcome at a Mass in the future. We have to remember that many young people might not have been to Church in a while and to know there are some familiar faces will help enormously.



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This will also be an ideal opportunity to encourage young people to sign up for different ministries in the church. As such, it would be appropriate to have as many different people as part of this session as possible.

Some young people do not want a 'public' role such as serving on the altar or reading at Mass but might feel able to help work in the piety shop or assist with Children's Liturgy.

Based on feedback from many young people in the research before the launch of our diocesan Confirmation programme they noted that the ministry of welcome could be emphasised more.

A surprisingly high number of young people noted that they would come to Mass more often if they felt more comfortable walking through the door and knowing what to do and where to go and when to do certain things (this is also linked to the teaching Mass session) but a parish might consider asking young people to institute or assist with their own ministry of welcome and ask them to consider inviting their friends and giving them a warm welcome.

1.00

Final Prayer
(Please see attached booklet)