



# Lay Leadership

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# Today

1. Prayer
2. Why are we talking about lay leadership
3. Servant Leadership
4. Parish Council and other leadership roles
5. Questions and comments
6. Prayer





## 2. Why?

### Re-imagining the Parish

1. Church today – secularisation, abuse scandal, clericalism and shortage of priests
2. St Canice – future of Jesuits, future of our parish
3. Renewal Process:
  - Lay Leadership, Spirituality and Faith, Sustainability, Outreach
4. Pope's invitation, Vatican II, the early Church





## 2.2 Early Church

- Vatican II  
*aggiornamento* –  
recreating the Church
- Early Church's life
- Role of women

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds<sup>[a]</sup> to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home<sup>[b]</sup> and ate their food with glad and generous<sup>[c]</sup> hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Acts 2:42-47*



## 2.3 Vatican II

- People of God
- Royal priesthood & Spiritual House
- Holy Spirit's gifts and charisms to be used for the renewal and building of the Church
- Obligation of spreading the faith is imposed on every disciple of Christ

*Lumen Gentium*



## 2.4 Pope Francis' call

- 28. ...The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers.

*Pope Francis 1 Evangelii Gaudium*

...We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.





## 3. Servant leadership

### **Servant Leadership Behaviours**

- Recognising
- Serving
- Empowering

### **Responses by community**

- Helping
- Taking initiative
- Participating
- Self-developing





# 4.1 Parish Council

## The Pastoral Council's role:

- promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world.

The Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

- Selection – prayerful discernment
- Drawn from communities

1. Invite

2. Inform

3. Discern  
& form

4.  
Nominate

5. Elect

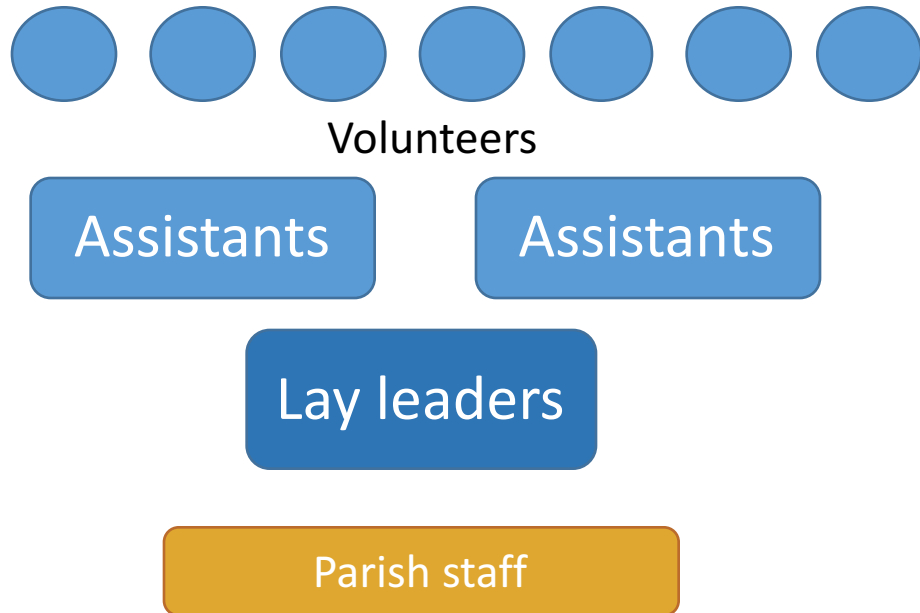
## Possible composition: 12

1. Each of 4 renewal groups (4)
2. Each Mass community (3)
3. Kitchen and Outreach (1)
4. JRS and Railaco (1)
5. Social housing (1)
6. Finance Committee (1)
7. Parish Priest (1)





## 4.2 Lay leadership roles



- Liturgy leader
- Pastoral leader
- Spiritual life leader
- Outreach leader
- Communications
- Formation
- Sacristan



## 5. Questions





## 6. Reflection and prayer

