

In Communion with Christ

Formation

Introductory Session

The session, an evening, is intended to introduce parish teams to In Communion with Christ. It could be used for any half day session.

As part of the preparation it will be important to become familiar with In Communion with Christ including the leaflets.

With Hearts and Minds can be used in conjunction with In Communion with Christ. The two sets of formation material could be introduced on a single day. In this case the Scripture Reading for the afternoon session may be omitted or other reflection questions given.

If the two are used together it may be beneficial for a parish team to use With Hearts and Minds first before using With Hearts and Minds with the parish and the team forming a homily preparation group.

There is a PowerPoint presentation (6) available on In Communion with Christ.

If you do not have access to a projector or a technophobe — the presentations, with notes, may be used simply to assist your own preparation. For the presentation itself there are the handouts together with copies of the documents themselves.

1. Introduction

- Of the Group (if they do not all already know each other)
- Of the Place (if necessary – toilets; fire exits; meal and tea/coffee arrangements)
- Of the Evening — Timetable, Overview of Session

2. Scripture Reading

- Romans 12:4–12

follow the pattern suggested in With Hearts & Minds of reading twice with a pause for reflection.

There is a separate handout [R026] with the texts and the questions on it.

Our Experience

- Where are there signs of life in the community?
- Where are there potential areas for growth?

Depending on the size of the group it may be best to invite people to share their reflections in groups of 3 or 4.

3. In Communion with Christ — Overview

Using the PowerPoint presentation and/or the Handouts introduce the overall pattern of the weeks and the process together with the Introduction and the leaflets.

The handout [R026] has space for people to make notes about implementation in their situation.

It may be helpful to refer to With Hearts & Minds.



4. **In Communion with Christ — Preaching**

Divide into small groups of 6–8. Distribute handout. Say there will be an opportunity for questions.

Handout — Use the Homily Preparation sheets [C021–C026]

5. **Feedback**

First invite people's reflection on the process followed by any questions — grouping questions together as necessary.

6. **Conclusion**

Bring the Evening to a conclusion, in particular place it in the context of the planned ongoing formation.

Say the prayer together from the handout.

