

Discussion Starters

Below we have prepared some discussion starter questions for use in a parish or group setting. Please feel free to adapt and adjust the questions to suit your local context.

Accompanying the Ordained and Consecrated (Presented by Kylie Cullen)

1. Have you ever considered the idea that the ordained and consecrated require accompaniment?
2. What would it look like if all parishioners cared for and supported the wellbeing of their clergy and consecrated?
3. What positive relationship strategies can we develop between the ordained, consecrated and ourselves?

Questions posed by Kylie at 20.40:

4. What do you expect of your ordained ministers/consecrated?
5. How realistic are these expectations? Have you discussed them with your priest?
6. Do you think you have the right balance between the amount of time you expect your priest to spend with those connected with the Church and with those sheep not yet in the fold?
7. How do you encourage them to give the best of themselves in their care of others?
8. How can you help them spot or avoid developing unhealthy patterns of work and ministry?
Eg. not taking adequate time off and holidays.

