

# STARTING POINT



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SCENARIO

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It's difficult to plan together effectively for what we don't understand well together.

**Let the Holy Spirit in to prompt and lead...**

**SUGGESTED STEPS**

1. **Initial Conversation in the Spirit** (*See p.3*) identifying the SMPGoals we need to understand more deeply.
2. **When the Goals for deeper exploration** are identified, seek Formation for them.
 

*Possibilities:*

  - Source the Formation ourselves: in person or online
  - Access relevant Diocesan Workshops
  - A combination of both
3. **Do the Formation**
4. After the Formation hold a **2nd Conversation in the Spirit** about our understanding of the SMPGoals.
5. **Decide** on readiness to move to the next step.

**Formation Sessions p. 4**

- Exploring SMPGoals
- Conversations in the Spirit



✓ **Achievement:** We have a deeper understanding of the SMPGoals, especially ...

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**Looking ahead:** We are ready to move to the next step → discerning which SMPGoals to focus on first. **See the SCENARIO 2**

## RESOURCES for Scenario 1

### Conversation in the Spirit

This particular Conversation is seeking to identify the SMPGoals we want to better understand, so have a copy of the SMPGoals for each person, and a copy of this page as well so participants know the process and can see the brief Gospel snippets that are foundational to the Christian life.

**Scripture:** *Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself* (Luke 10:28).

*Whatever you do to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do to me* (Matt 25:40).

*For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost* (Luke 9:10).

*Go therefore and make disciples ... and I will be with you* (Matt 28: 19-20).

### Scenario 1 Question: About which SMPGoals am I/are we seeking deeper understanding?

We commence with reading aloud (individually around the group) the Gospel lines, followed by a period of silence to allow us to ponder the words of Jesus hand in hand with the above Scenario 1 Question. (see Overview pp.4, 5 for the Goals)

**First Round of Conversation:** Moving clockwise around the group, each person has a chance to speak (up to 2 min.) in response to the Scenario 1 Question, after which there is a time of silence for reflection before the next person has spoken. There is no discussion in this Round.

**Second Round of Conversation:** We each share what struck us most from the First Round and/or what moved in us during the times of silence. A pause for reflection follows after each person speaks. There is no discussion in this Round.

**Third Round of Conversation:** Finally, as moved to speak, we each share what has emerged as significant for us from the preceding two rounds. What new insights have arisen, what common themes and fruits were evident. We can speak in any order and respond to one another.

#### Is it becoming clearer which SMPGoals we seek to better understand?

All may not be identifying the same goals. That's OK. What is needed is a way to follow up on the Goals identified. (see Steps 2 & 3, p.2 and some Workshops from MPL Team p.4)

#### Can we identify the SMPGoals we want to better understand?

## Parish Formation Session going deeper into the SMPGoals

Contact the **MISSION & PASTORAL LIFE TEAM** to discuss and/or schedule a Workshop Phone: 0474 542 363 or 0418 759 416  
Email: [mpl@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:mpl@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### EXPLORING SMPGOALS

... this Workshop can cover the SMPGoals as a whole or it can focus on **specific goals** that your group wants to better understand

The MPL Team is also offering a *Conversation in the Spirit* experience.



### CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT

... a method of grounding conversations in openness to the Holy Spirit and listening to one another

Experience and understand how to engage in Conversations in the Spirit.

Do we have **Other Formation Sources** for understanding SMPGoals?

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Sandhurst Parishes are encouraged photocopy these resources or any page therein for use in the parish e.g., information meetings, discussions, planning sessions. Note also: there is a Resources File containing copies of individual pages that can be used by planning groups without having to copy the full resource.







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