

PASTORS' TOOLKIT

Discover Discipleship Toolkit for Faith Study Coordinators

PASTOR INVOLVEMENT IN DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

For any parish-based program to thrive and be integrated into parish life in a sustainable way, the pastor's support and involvement is critical. However, pastors simply don't have the time to run every program a parish offers. For this reason, *Discover Discipleship* requires that a lay leader or leadership team at each parish be committed to managing this program.

PASTOR ENGAGEMENT

Pastors are asked to commit a minimum of 30 minutes each week to *Discover Discipleship*. Here are suggested ways for pastors to engage with the program:

- Make announcements
- Personally asks people to participate
- Lead opening prayer
- Meet one on one with those who have participated in *Commission* to help discern where they can best serve in ministry
- Be involved in forming the Faith Study small groups

- Have a commissioning ceremony at Sunday Mass for those who complete *Commission*
- We are asking the Pastors to commit to:
 - Selecting the parish coordinator or leadership team
 - Working with the parish coordinator or leadership team to select Faith Study leaders
 - Integrating *Discover Discipleship* into the life of the parish
 - Supporting and encouraging the project
 - Dropping in on Faith Study sessions occasionally
 - Speaking about the project on Sundays and giving space for the program to be promoted (including: testimonies, homily, intercessions)
 - Working with the RCAF Project Lead and parish coordinator to create the *Discover Discipleship* implementation plan for your parish