

Couples, families and priests journeying together in life and mission.

Presenters Fr Patrick Rooney with Leo and Helen Wursthorn.

Discussion questions:

For Families/Couples

What are my memories of spending time with priests, from my childhood or school days?

What were our relationships with priests based on?

(Strictly formal- professional, relational, warm, friendship, spiritual guidance)

Share memories about youth groups, university days or marriage preparation in your parish?

What are the issues we are struggling with in our family currently?

How could we support each other in the parish community?

For Priests:

What could I do to encourage families/couples to share their time/talents for the benefit of our Parish.

How am I at deep listening?

How willing am I to share my joys and struggles with trusted couples?

Take home activities

For Families and couples

Consider volunteering together for the special ministers/welcoming/commentator and lector roles at Mass.

Consider volunteering together for work in Vinnies/outreach programs.

Consider joining the choir/marriage prep/presenting children's ministry /baptism ministry/RCIA, together.

Consider volunteering for the Parish council as a couple with one vote (couple/family perspective).

For Priests

Invite couples in groups for a meal on a regular basis (couples bring dinner to share).

Priests/couples consider doing a Marriage Encounter weekend as a Personal Development experience. Check out the website.

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