***KEY QUOTES***

To live in community is not a question of option, but one of vocation. Christianity, by its very nature, demands the formation of community. Christianity cannot be conceived without relating to others, and relating to these people in love.

*(Oscar Romero “The Mission of the Church in the Midst of the Crisis in the Country” August 1979)*

We therefore welcome the call of the Congress for a more Christ-like attitude towards the poor, the powerless, the homeless, the handicapped, the deaf and the blind, the elderly and all who suffer in today’s society. The parish community should place such people at the centre of its life and concern. As the Congress Declaration stated: “In them we see the image of Christ crucified, a focus for our love and care, whose needs we must recognise and meet, and from whom we receive a living witness of Christ’s passion”.

*(The Easter People 124)*

**Group for Single People**

If you are thinking of reviewing or starting :-

Make sure you have:-

* an appropriate venue
* appropriate resources
* appropriate structure for leadership, consultation and activities
* the provision of suitable, safe environment for open discussion
* understanding that confidentiality of group members is a given ground rule
* the gift of making opportunities for members to support one another
* a variety of events/activities appealing to different members

**Moving on…** In light of your reflection on the key quotes, and the checklist, what action if any, can you take as a parish community in these changed times? Could you consider setting up such a group just as a trial in collaboration with a nearby parish?

You may find the generic *“Action Planning Profoma*” helpful as you plan for the future………………………..

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##### *Parishes of Hope*

*Celebrating, consolidating and securing the Mission of the Church in Doncaster Deanery; - an opportunity to deepen the faith of our Parish communities in changing times*

***“Gratitude for the past, enthusiasm for the present, hope for the future” (John Paul ll)***

##### *Groups for Single People*

##### *Diocese of Hallam*

##### *Doncaster Deanery (St Charles Borromeo)*

***Dean: Rev Augustine O’Reilly V.F.***

*Our Lady of Sorrows & St Francis, Armthorpe; Blessed English Martyrs, Askern; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley; St Alban’s, Denaby Main; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intake; Sacred Heart, Balby; St Paul’s, Cantley; St Peter in Chains, Doncaster: St Mary’s, Edlington; English Martyrs, Mexborough; St Joseph & St Nicholas, Moorends; Christ the King, Rossington; Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth; St Joseph & St Teresa, Woodlands.*

*Notes, thoughts, suggestions, prayer, action ….*