##### *Where do we go from here……………?*

1. If you are a parish priest what do you need to do to help your parish community to communicate more effectively, thereby enabling you to have more time for your specific priestly duties?
2. If you are in a parish with a resident priest, how would you like to see your parish priest enabling your community to communicate more effectively with and without his presence in the future?
3. If your parish is without a resident priest what action do you need to take now, following your reflection?

**Realistic action:**

*(When you have made your plans make sure everyone knows what they are, when they will happen and why they are important.)*

##### *Insert name of your Parish here*

##### *The Parish Magazine*

##### *………………………… Catholic Church, is part of the Deanery of …………………… in the Diocese of ………..*

**The Parish Magazine**

Parish magazines, (rather than parish bulletins), are usually published monthly or quarterly. They are larger and offer more opportunities for views to be expressed or events to be covered in greater depth than in the parish bulletin.

News about future events and stories about individuals are always good and form the basis of a popular magazine.

Adverts are a good source of income to help defray the costs.

A good editor or team is required for a good magazine. This person, (or team), need not be the communication officer for the parish but be able to gather together information from a number of sources.

A typical magazine might include:-

list and addresses of contacts of organisations in parish (regular feature)

reports and photographs of parish events

reports about parish organisations

quizzes and crosswords

details of church services

a report from parish school

baptism, marriages, deaths and receptions

adverts

a welcome to new parishioners

an editorial or article to help people think about life in the parish and the deanery

If you are unable to produce your own - join with others in the area.

The parish magazine could be a wonderful way of developing “Parishes of Hope” and assist the process of collaborative structures and the reality of the situation.

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***A KEY QUOTE TO CONSIDER***

“Whatever else the Church is about; communication is at its centre, so much so that it is possible to describe the Church, as Cardinal Martini did, as “communication”. That has to be part of the sign we give if we are to be faithful to the mandate and mission given us by Christ.”

(Bishop Crispin Hollis, March 1996)

***A Final thought…While parish and deanery websites are great, we do need to acknowledge the value of the printed word to hold …. and accept that many of our older parishioners, and many of our sick and housebound will not access the web……………***