



21 October 2022

## INVITATION TO PARISH ALIVE!

### PPC Leadership Training on 19 November 2022

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To: All Parish Priests, all Deacons, all PPC members and all PPC Association members.

You are invited to join us on 19 Nov @ 08:30 – 13:00

for the PARISH ALIVE! Launch and PPC Leadership Training

Congratulations on your election to serve your parish on the Pastoral Parish Council for the next three years! It is an honour, and a true calling by God who is inviting you to build His Kingdom in Cape Town and especially in your neck of the woods.

As we emerge from the dark and turbulent days of the past few years, a new time inspired by the Holy Spirit is dawning. The Synod has given us a new way of being Church together; the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference Pastoral Plan defines a vision for parishes in our country; and Archbishop Brislin has heralded in a fresh, revitalised vision of how the Parish Pastoral Councils could operate. It is a time of hope and opportunity, renaissance and renewal and it is with great excitement that the Archdiocese congratulates you on your election to your PPC and warmly welcomes you and your parishioners to PARISH ALIVE!

Jesus gave the Church its purpose when in Matthew's gospel he sent us saying "***Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you, until the close of the age.***" Mt 28:19-20, *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 849

We are sent to evangelise. We are sent to form missionary disciples who by their life, actions and words reveal God's message to all.

But how do we, as a PPC, do that? PARISH ALIVE! is a programme developed by the Centre for Pastoral Development in the Archdiocese of Cape Town under the leadership of Fr Zane Godwin. It will help you understand the core message of this missionary mandate. And it will give you the tools to define, implement and achieve your specific parish goals. In so doing together we will rebuild our church and renew our parishes.

Please join us as we launch PARISH ALIVE! in the Archdiocese of Cape Town on SATURDAY, 19 NOVEMBER at 08:30 – 13:00 (Registration starts at 07:30). We will provide a half day of training and dynamic interactive exercises designed to give you a head start at this crucial time as your PPC commences its 3-year term of office!

The agenda for the morning is full, it's exciting, and it's fun. We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us, enkindle His flames in each of us and accompany us on this day as we embark on this journey together.

**This is a morning you won't want to miss.** The training will answer many important questions about what a PPC is, what its purpose is and how to go about creating and implementing a vision for your parish. It will provide ideas, inspiration, and practical tools for you to take back to your parish to develop your vision; build your organization and teams; create goals that are right for your parish; and implement plans that achieve your goals.

Come with your questions, come with your hopes, your dreams.

## **WHO**

**All the parishes** in the Archdiocese of Cape Town are invited to send their **whole PPC team** for this event - all Parish Priests, Deacons, and all the PPC members and PPC Association members. It is important to include everyone and have as many people as possible attend from every parish.

## **WHEN**

SATURDAY, 19 November

## **TIME**

08:30 – 13:00

Registration starts at 07:30

## **PLACE**

Bergvliet Primary School, School Hall

19 Childrens Way, Bergvliet, Cape Town

There is ample parking available in the street around the school. Handicapped parking is available.

We strongly recommend you ride-share and come together as much as possible.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Please bring paper and pens to take notes.

## **WHAT YOU WILL GET**

Each parish will receive two PARISH ALIVE! HANDBOOKS.

Digital files will be provided so parishes can print their own additional copies.

## HOW TO PREPARE

We will send a short document to all attendees with some pre-reading to help you prepare and therefore get as much out of the day as possible.

## REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be provided during the morning.

## AGENDA

<b>07:30 – 08:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	Welcome and Opening Prayer Opening address by Archbishop Stephen Brislin Overview
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Session 1: Missionary Mandate</b>
<b>09:30 – 10:10</b>	<i>Session 1 Discussion Session</i>
<b>10:10 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 2: Five Organisational Pillars</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>	<i>Session 2 Discussion Session</i>
<b>11:30 – 11:40</b>	<b>Session 3: Foundation – The Holy Spirit</b>
<b>11:40 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Implementation</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:40</b>	<i>Session 4 Discussion Session</i>
<b>12:40 – 13:00</b>	CLOSING

## REGISTRATION

Please register everyone who is coming. You can register online by clicking this link:

<https://bit.ly/adct-parishalive-register-group>

### HOW TO REGISTER:

*Please complete the registration form as completely and accurately as you can. Please register every person who will be attending. The form has space where you can provide the details of each delegate. If you have more than 10 delegates, please complete two forms.*

*Thank you for helping us in this way.*

## **QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION**

If you have any questions, please go to the Archdiocese of Cape Town website <https://adct.org.za/>

Yours Sincerely

**Fr Zane Godwin**

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