

What next?

Once you have completed your Reflection Day, you should have a wealth of knowledge about your local area, some new projects getting started, and a mission report to write to Bishop Peter. These guidelines are to help you get the most out of your Reflection Day – after all, you will have put a lot of work into making it happen, and following it up will make the benefits last for years to come. Avril is very happy to help with any stage of this process: avril@northamptondiocese.com.

On the day

1. Make sure that someone is tasked with capturing what happened – this could be via photos, video (with permission), or text. Someone will need to photograph or write down the various idea sheets, maps etc so that you have all the data going forward.
2. Make sure that all the new projects get registered so that you have project details and contacts and can keep in touch with everyone.

Following up

1. Make sure that there is a brief report out to all the parishes as soon as possible that can be read at all the Masses. This will help to spread the word.
2. A more full write up could be made available on your website, if you have one.
3. Send a copy of the registration form to Avril so that she can follow up with the leaders of the new projects.

Mandated Ministry Group

Every PAC needs to have a mandated ministry group to consider where the new mandated ministry roles could be most useful in your Pastoral Area. (See separate guidelines for terms.) Their report will form part of your mission plans.

PAC meetings

1. Follow up the main findings at your next PAC meeting. Hopefully you will have some clear priorities to act on.
2. Appoint a little group to write up the mission plan. This should consist of the findings from the Reflection Day, the new projects that got started, any action the PAC want to take, and the findings from the mandated ministry group.
3. Bishop Peter will visit in the autumn to listen to the stories so far.
4. We will gather on 28th March 2020 to share findings and plan next steps.

Mission Plans

The mission plans should not take a lot of work to put together. The main findings will come from the Reflection Day, and subsequent conversations. It might be helpful to arrange it in the following sections:

1. The current situation: what has worked well locally, what the local assets are, what any future changes might be (eg housing estates, building projects, changes to schools).
2. An assessment of local needs and where the Catholic church could reach out.
3. A description of the projects that got started.
4. Any subsequent plans/vision of the PAC
5. The mandated ministry report.