

## **Project Brief**

### **Formation programme for a Spirituality of Service**

The strong emphasis on “Go, you are sent...” in the Archdiocesan Synod themes was coupled with the desire on the part of participants for deeper formation to support current and future service. This was expressed in the decision that there should be an easily accessible formation in a “spirituality of service”.

As geography makes it hard to reach all parts of the Archdiocese, and as shift work and other commitments mean people cannot always take part in small groups, there is also a need to provide formation in an online format.

#### **The relevant Synod outcomes**

The formation programme is to address the following Synod directions and priorities:

2g Different forms of personal prayer are promoted as pathways to encounter with Jesus.

2k The Archdiocese develops a formation programme for a “spirituality of service”, centred in the Eucharist, which can be implemented in small groups and tailored to meet local needs.

7a Formation in a spirituality of service includes deepening understanding of the “law of gradualness” and its pastoral applications for those who perceive themselves to be on the peripheries of the Catholic community.

13b The Archdiocese provides on-line formation and learning opportunities.

Nos 1a-k in the Synod Directions and Priorities are the practical context which a formation programme in spirituality of service will support, along with other and group responses to “Go you are sent...”.

#### **The programme**

The key tasks are:

1. The development of a formation programme and its associated materials which can be:
  - a) run in small groups in parishes and other places over a six-week period, in sessions of approximately 1 ½ hours;
  - b) conducted online in interactive sessions;
  - c) used by a person on their own if taking part in a group is not feasible;
  - d) used by a group of people partly doing it on their own but also with one or two gathering sessions.

Some flexibility may be needed in relation to 1b-d, and the developer is free to make suggestions about how accessibility might be achieved across the Archdiocese.

2. The preparation of supporting material for the leaders of small groups or interactive sessions, and an outline of a training session for leaders.

#### **Management of the project**

The Leader of the Parish Leadership Vicariate will manage the project on behalf of the Archbishop.