



Sign-Up Sunday/Weekend

Throughout the five seasons of *ARISE Together in Christ* there will be five Sign-Up Sundays, one before each season. Sign-Up Sunday is the single most important invitational strategy. It takes place three weeks before each season.

Remote Preparation

- Build momentum:
 - talk it up
 - place bulletin announcements
- Use a variety of creative ways to publicize
- Customize sign-up cards and the invitational flyer and distribute them well in advance
- Display materials:
 - sign-up card
 - Season One faith-sharing book
 - the invitational flyer
- Choose motivational speakers
- Practice with speakers
- Collaborate with liturgical ministers
- Assign prayer partner for the speakers

Immediate Preparation

- Confirm process with celebrant and liturgical ministers
- Prepare ministers of hospitality to assist the *ARISE* parish team
- Have an *ARISE* display in the foyer or gathering room
- Put out sign-up cards, pencils
- Decide how cards will be presented and/or collected
- Practice with speakers
- Straighten up cards and pencils after each Mass

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Effective Speakers

- Look excited and enthused!
- Speak with sincerity
- Start with a story. Your first line has to grab your listeners' attention, for example:
 - If Jesus came to you today and said, “Whom do you say that I am?” how would you respond?
 - If you had one minute to gather your treasures what would you take?
 - Life throws a lot of curves at us. How do you find meaning in them?
- It could be helpful for continuity to have the same speakers at all Masses (see Handout 7a, “Organizing Sign-Up Sunday/Weekend”).

Follow-up

- All completed cards need to be sorted and groups determined on the basis of individual preferences (see Handout 14, “Organizing Participants into Small Communities”).
- Small-community leaders should be assigned to groups.
- Small-community leaders should be contacted and given the names, phone numbers, and email addresses for those in their groups.

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