

ARISE Parish Team

Meeting Two:

Beginning to Work as a Team

Purpose

- to provide an opportunity through prayer and faith sharing for the parish team members to grow together as a community
- to plan ways to implement responsibilities for publicity

Materials needed

- copy of the *ARISE* Prayer (Handout 29)
- Bible or *Lectionary* for the Sunday gospel reading
- copy of *PRAYER TIME*
- *ARISE* Season Three CD and CD player
- copy of Handout 1, “Suggested Timeline for the *ARISE* Process”
- copy of Handout 2, “Parish Team: Roles and Responsibilities”
- copy of Handout 2a, “Specific Areas of Responsibility”
- copy of Handout 3, “Inviting Parishioners to Serve on the *ARISE* Parish Team”

Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Leader Let us spend a few moments in quiet,
becoming more aware of God’s presence ...
... God’s presence in each one of us.
but especially in this community,
gathered in Jesus’ name.

Song *Play or sing an appropriate song such as*
“We Are Many Parts,” Marty Haugen (GIA) (*ARISE* CD 3, Track 6)

All **Gracious God, Loving Father,**
you call us to be your people,
a community whose love is rooted in the heart of Jesus
and whose boundaries encompass all peoples, all creation.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us;
strengthen us and guide us
as we work to facilitate spiritual renewal within our parish

**and to share in your work of transforming our world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Faith Sharing (15 minutes)

Faith sharing, or telling our faith stories, is being aware of or recalling times, life events, words, or moments of grace when God touched our lives, challenged us, or spoke to us.

- **Scripture**

Proclaim the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

- **Reflection**

You could

- use the reflection and one of the faith-sharing questions from *PRAYER TIME* for the appropriate Sunday.

Or you could

- allow time for reflection and ask:
“What word, phrase, or image from the scripture reading touched my heart or spoke to my life?”

Initiating the Parish Team Responsibilities (35 minutes)

- Using Handout 2, “The *ARISE* Parish Team: Roles and Responsibilities,” and Handout 2a, “Specific Areas of Responsibility,” briefly review the parish team’s responsibilities that were presented in the launch workshop. This session will focus on four key initial tasks:
 - finalizing parish team membership
 - reviewing parish kit
 - publicizing *ARISE* in your parish
 - developing a parish timeline for the publicity events (review materials from launch workshop)
- Assess the combined gifts and skills of your parish team to determine what additional skills your team may need in order to implement *ARISE* successfully. Select potential candidates to round out your team as necessary. Determine who will invite them. See Handout 3.
- Review all of the elements of the *ARISE Parish Kit*. Discuss how you will use them in the parish.

Break (10 minutes)

Publicizing *ARISE* in Your Parish (2 minutes)

- Discuss ways to develop awareness of and support for the *ARISE* process through the use of
 - the prayer network
 - newspapers
 - websites
 - TV and radio announcements
 - banners, posters, leaflets

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- Develop a parish timeline for implementing the above strategies; refer to Handout 1, “Suggested Timeline for the *ARISE* Process,” to help you in your scheduling.

Next Steps (2 minutes)

- Schedule the date for the next two parish team planning meetings.
- Register on the RENEW International website (see instructions on page 65).

Closing Prayer (10 minutes)

The leader should offer a brief prayer of quiet thanksgiving. Then:

Leader Let us pray for God’s help and guidance.

Leader For our Church and world leaders
that they may act with wisdom and prudence,
we pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For our (arch)diocese,
that trust might be restored where it has been broken,
we pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For our parish, as we prepare for *ARISE*,
that it may be open in the Spirit
to this opportunity for spiritual growth and to deeper faith,
we pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For our *ARISE* Parish Team
that we may catch glimpses of God
as we pray and work together,
we pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader. For the success of the *ARISE* process,
that it will deepen participants’ faith
and encourage them to express their faith
through concrete actions of love and justice,
we pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pause and invite others to offer intentions.

Leader Let us pray together the *ARISE* Prayer.

