

## **The Clear Path for Discipleship Process description of the process for facilitators**

Facilitators will assist pastors and their parish team through the Clear Path for Discipleship Process by filling a specific role through each of the meetings.

**Introduction Meeting** – typically a phone call (though it can be in person) with the pastor to introduce the process, answer questions, and set basic expectations to establish the facilitator’s role and the pastor’s role. Most often these phone calls will be scheduled via email following an introduction from a chancery director. Prior to this discussion it is important to provide the Clear Path information booklet (8 pages) or the online link and have the pastor look through it to orient himself to the process and be ready to ask clarifying questions. At the end of this meeting be sure to provide (by e-mail or printed if in person) the Building a Discipleship Visioning Team handout in preparation for the next meeting. Finally, assign the “homework” of preparing a list of ministries (and apostolates) that currently exist at the parish. Ask them to provide a brief description (1-2 sentences) of each one as appropriate.

(1/2 hour or less)

**Facilitator - Pastor Meeting** – This meeting should be in person if possible. The facilitator has three objectives in this meeting.

- 1) ask questions and listen to the pastor about their current efforts in evangelization/discipleship and determine the pastor’s current understanding of major principles of the Clear Path Process, like evangelization, discipleship, formation, missionary discipleship, decision, conversion, etc.
- 2) walk the pastor through the “Building a Discipleship Visioning Team” handout.
- 3) Review the ministry list for clarity related to Clear Path Thresholds evaluation. Here you are looking for answers to questions related to what each one actually does in relation to evangelization and intentionally helping people to progress to the “next step” in the thresholds. For example, you probably don’t need them to provide details about “Finance Council” or “Funeral Committee”, but you will need them to describe programs with unique names like “Little Saints” and programs that could be doing a number of different things, some of which may or may not fit the Clear Path Thresholds approach like “Youth Ministry” or “Religious Education.”

(1 hour)

**Parish Team Gathering** – The facilitator presents using the Powerpoint which includes detailed notes regarding what to say, etc. The activities include, Personal History Discussion (worksheet), Best Team Discussion (worksheet), KC WRAP Intro for Parable of the Sower (handout & prayer experience)

(2 hours)

**Base camp** - During this one-day workshop each facilitator will engage their team in the individual group learning and discovery activities throughout the day which include:

1) Popsicle People

2) Post-Christian Ranking (guessing game)

3) "Left Side" Thresholds activity

4) "Right Side" Thresholds activity

5) Thresholds Chart, Evaluation of ministries in relation to The Clear Path for Discipleship

(6 hours of facilitation, typically 8AM- 3:30 PM)

**Facilitator Attends Parish Team Meeting** – The facilitator will present a model for team meetings and help the team with skills related to evaluation, discernment, decision making, etc.

(typically, a 2-hour meeting)