

Home-School-Parish conversation
Hothorpe Hall - December 9th 2009
Plenary Feedback

What are the next steps for you personally?

1. Implement ideas gained today
2. To ~~talk more to~~ have conversation with the parish home people
3. Finding simpler and 'comprehensive' ways of expressing Christ's love and invitation
4. Reflection on a busy and worthwhile day
5. Practices as formation. Read up on both family as domestic church and practice. Dorothy Bass
6. To reflect on the day – a lot to process. How are Home/School/parish connected in the diocese. Connect / dialogue about possibilities of working together over initiatives eg parenting, spirituality for families (sharing the word)
7. To reflect on what I am doing with catechists and parents in parishes – to look particularly at interactive element of formation.
8. Read and consider materials encountered. Think about to better promote issue of parent's role in catechesis.
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10. Believe, have confidence, celebrate the good, hope and love
11. To reflect on all I've heard to enable me to work with it – keeping it simple – the message of the day.
12. To have courage to take up opportunities that arise. To dare – although there is often a cost.
13. To absorb and digest the day's input in order to produce a plan of action relevant to my own parish as well as other parishes.
14. To discuss the idea of a home-school-parish conversation with others in the diocese
15. 'He does not break the crushed reed or quench the wavering flame...' To tell Christ's story beginning with resurrection! To allow others to engage once more with this story. To enable HIS story to mingle with the story which is me. And to worship him!
16. To reflect and consolidate
17. To ensure that MFL commission and Evangelisation commission are aware of Passing on the faith and its potential. Also Youth Ministry.
18. Work towards an effective collaboration between the MFL team, the Catholic Education Service and the Christian Education Centre so that a consistent, coherent message goes out our schools and parishes
19. To be more confident in relationship to my own faith – my faith in/with God – the church's tradition being secondary. To realise I am where I am meant to be. On a parish level, aim to be confident too.
20. To try to incorporate HHP and Passing on the faith to work together. To look at our own parishes and schools to see what needs to be done.
21. To discuss today's conference with colleagues.
22. To discuss with Director of Schools the Dioceses position /progress so far and what next steps should be. Improve my understanding of the Group's work.
23. Work to counter my own aversions to passing on 'the faith' recognising that in exploring the sacraments can open up a life conversation

24. To reflect further, write up thoughts and send them to Elizabeth
25. Ordering the cards (menu/recipe) for my parish
26. Not sure – needs thought and onward discussion with Adult Advisor /Schools
27. Feedback to CPW (Catholic People’s Weeks) – with ideas from groups.
Feedback to Marriage Care.
28. To continue to explore and raise awareness of the communion of persons which is integral to the Church understanding itself as a family caring for all families.
29. Explore available resources (eg Frank McDermott). Personal reflection.
30. Confidence to dare. Excitement of the ‘simple’

What are the next steps for your diocese?

1. Look at the various resources that are available
2. In readdressing the HSP in our diocese – to actually dare to put together a strategy – beginning, middle, end and evaluation cycle – which is structured, resourced, supported and led
3. Try harder to make firmer links between agencies and the MFL Cmtee / programmes
4. More reflection on parents enabling an nurturing lifelong sacramental living
5. Introducing practices in diocese. Focus on family as domestic Church. Supporting parents. Organise meeting of adult advisors to explore contents of this meeting.
6. Connect with Schools Advisers, “Home” MFL people > build relationships, have an open forum on issues
7. To share the experience from today to discover how we can develop in some of the ways suggested here.
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10. Share the stories, find ways of working together and share how good it is (practice what we preach!)
11. Those of us present today from the Diocese to discuss how we can look at ways to take it forward.
12. Work with parents in schools/out of schools. Parenting programmes.
13. To discuss and agree a strategy based on the input today with the rest of the diocesan MFL team
14. To hold a home-school-parish conversation in the diocese
15. To introduce the traditional order for the reception of the sacraments of initiation; to build a family based catechesis, to prepare people not simply for a ‘sacramental event’ but through the reception of the sacrament to a sacramental way of life – living it out!
16. To meet with both Evangelisation and Formation groups to see how collectively we can ‘Pass on the faith’. Together we are much stronger.
17. Communication with those who could use Passing on the Faith resources. Prepare the ground.
18. To build a policy that all these agencies can buy into.
19. To explore the possibilities, ideas and materials available from other dioceses.
20. To get the message to priests. To share this with other groups in our diocese
21. To revisit HSP partnerships and look at ways to rediscover and promote in communities
22. See above

23. As a diocese we will be looking at claiming ways of being church with an emphasis on naming and claiming ordinary acts of faith as of the Church
24. N/A. Non diocesan affiliates
25. Home-school-parish communications need improving
26. As above – cannot see it taking off quickly
27. Greater need to link up MC with various diocesan marriage prep – disseminate best practice – offer support to the marriage prep providers. Work on liaison.
28. Continue to try and create an agreement on Home-School-Parish work by interdepartmental collaboration
29. Develop partnership with Diocesan School /Adult Formation.
30. To start networking.

What are the next steps for the Working Group?

1. Struggle with the pearl of great price – the home school parish partnership
2. If the HSP partnership is a partnership of equals, care should be taken to ensure that at future gatherings/conferences – all groups are equally invited – in a group of 60 people only 7 were from schools and I only found out by accident!
3. Send us details of how to contact / obtain materials from presenters and other re passing on faith
4. More conversation –sponsored on local level –involving grandparents, parents and teachers with parish representation
5. Listen to comment and prioritise and not overload
6. Conference report. To learn from Children/young people, from people who are ‘outside the box’. Attention to needs / gifts of SINGLE people
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8. Consider future model. As the Golden Triangle of HSP as it existed in the past is not viable in present or near future. Engage in dialogue with the increasing (though small) numbers choosing to educate their children at home, both ‘school’ education and ‘faith’ education. They would have a distinctive take on the HSP relationship.
9. ~~Talk to~~
10. Pass this on to dioceses so that they too can invite people to a conversation about passing on the faith – not just catechists, teachers and clergy but parents and families too – it is a shared responsibility
11. To maybe put together a summary of the day, of the various speakers and what is happening in other dioceses, if anything.
12. Finding and collecting/collating the good practice that exists. – defuse the ideas. Look into parenting programmes – take further.
13. Formulate a workbook as in Everybody’s Welcome for diocesan use in England and Wales
14. To engage more schools with the process. Developing ‘Delia’s’ cards would be great.
15. To enable the Catholic ‘practicing’ community to become the evangelisers – mature Catholics, mature faith, Passing on the Faith with hope, confidence and trust!
16. To continue to ‘fan the flames’!
17. Following Everybody’s Welcome and HHP, a resource pack for use in Parish, School and with families
18. Co-ordinate resource availability

19. To carry on from the simplicity of HHP (not create anything new and complicated) to develop the reassurance that faith is learned in day to day life but no guilt should be assumed when church pews are empty – faith needs to be felt.
20. What message can we give to Parishes to make them excited about this. How can we enthuse the Priests. Don't forget the married couples who only one has a faith. How do they communicate this with their partner?
21. Collation of available resources/ ideas /website initiatives. Advise /encourage CBCEW of the value of this partnership
22. Currently don't know enough about its work to say – see above.
23. Possibly the opposite of mine! Ensure that our experiences of faith are acknowledged as equal to the received faith – 'the faith'
24. Invitation to think outside box and make a radical and creative response in service of mission. Strategy/recommendations create to foster passing on faith between parish, home and school. Itinerary for resource creation.
25. The communication between home-school-parish needs addressing. This was lost when the sacramental teaching was taken out of schools. Families with no children!
26. My worry concern is the cross over between all the partners involved in this – listening, sharing and enabling this project to go forward. It was part of Listening 2004 but this is far more involved than Everybody's Welcome or Home is a Holy Place.
27. Work for those with learning disabilities.
28. There must be an unapologetic celebration/affirmation of the right, duties and charism as parents as the 'first and best of teachers' of the faith especially though their unconditional love for their children.
29. How to connect with the imagination of the Catholic community. How to overcome 'Home/School/Parish – we have done that /tried that before. How to overcome inertia/overload of parish clergy. Name – A Pearl of Great Price.
30. Ways of building 'respect' in the partnerships of parish-school-home