

Discernment in Parish Life

This is a tool for reflecting on the parish's readiness for discernment.

Begin in silence. Then ask God to be in your heart and mind as you consider the "soil" of the parish. Note ways in which deepening might occur. Refer to Communal Discernment, the section on "The Parish Base for Discernment."

	Weak					Strong	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. The congregation's living of a full, rooted Christian life							
2. A shared awareness of how the nature and mission of the church is expressed in the parish							
3. Shared understanding of the biblical, historical, and parish faith journeys							
4. Many have shared their own and heard other's faith journeys							
5. Common frameworks for understanding parish dynamics, elements, primary task							
6. Ability to listen, to be silent and still							
7. Ability to relate well to each other							
8. Sense of stability and openness to change in parish life							
9. Congregation grounded by the presence of a number of people with Apostolic faith & practice							

Identify two of the above to build on or to develop. How? First steps?