RENEWAL- APOSTOLATE CYCLE ANALYSIS #2

This is a tool for conducting an analysis of the parish based on the Renewal-Apostolate Cycle. The task is to increase our understanding of the congregation's dynamics and issues in terms of this model and to identify steps for possible improvement.

1.Your estimate of the percentage of regular participants in the parish's Sunday Eucharist that have a very or mostly faithful, effective and efficient cycle between renewal and apostolate (circle the closest) --

0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% more

2. An adequate cycle (circle) --

0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% more

3. An uncertain cycle (hesitant, blocked, immature, etc.) --

Less than 25% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50% more than 50%

[Note: If you are unable to even estimate the percentages in #3,4 and 5, consider engaging in an effort to learn more about the spiritual life and discipline of parishioners. Try interviews, faith sharing exercises and small group discussions that allow people to explore their R-A Cycle and related issues.]

4. Where is the parish strong/weak in its nurturing of people's baptismal identity and purpose?

		Low			High
		1	2	3	4
a. The Sunday Eucharist					
b. Training people for --- Participation in the Eucharist					
c. Training people for -- Use of the Daily Office in a manner that fits their life					
d. Training people for -- Personal Devotions (contemplation/ centering prayer, intercessions, meditation, etc.).					
e. Helping members become grounded in the use of the scriptures, tradition and reason as the base for their discernment/decision making					
f. Helping members clarify their prayer life and ethical responsibilities in relationship to the sectors of their daily life, i.e., workplace, family/friends, civic life, church					

Comments:

5. Effectiveness of parish resources to assist people in:

		Low 1	2	3	High 4
a. Finding resources for spiritual guidance directed at the deepening and enlarging of their spiritual life					
b. Establishing a spiritual discipline (rule of life) that fits their life					
c. Understanding the dynamics of the Renewal - Apostolate Cycle in their own life					

6. How well does the parish communicate:

		Low 1	2	3	High 4
a. That the primary ministry of the baptized is with the people and in the circumstances of daily life					
b. That it is in our family, with friends, in the workplace and in civic life that we join in the work of Christ					

7. How does the parish get in the way of (sabotage, distort, block, become a barrier to) people's R-A Cycle? Circle any of the below that seem to apply, add comments.

a. Parish has a tone, gives the impression, that the world doesn't matter. Creates a protective, sentimental piety.

b. Parish has a fearful spirit, seems to encourage dependency.

c. Parish seems to imply that our task is to force the society to conform to its views. Attacks the secular culture.

d. Parish functions as a place to reinforce and support already established and safe religious views. There is little challenge to the culture or conventional religious views.

e. Parish seems to operate as a reinforcer of secularism; gives the impression that this world is all there is, that there is really no need for renewal beyond oneself.

f. Parish becomes largely another demand upon people for their energy, money and time. Parish life seems hectic and overly busy.

g. Parish sets a climate that helps people avoid their deeper and broader self.

h. Parish doesn't challenge people's being captured by the demands and expectations of workplace, family, civic life.

8. List any ways in which the parish could improve how it nurtures people in their Renewal-Apostolate Cycle. Please consider the realities of the parish's culture and resources.

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