

## **UNIT FOUR: Our Experience of Parish - Our Desires for our Parish**

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LEADERSHIP & MISSION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

From Imagining to Being

Imagine a parish where the weekend was the priority for everyone in the broader Catholic community. Where warm hospitality was apparent from the moment you entered the Church car park or walked through the Church door.

Imagine the uplifting music you'd hear and sing along to and a homily that speaks to who and where you are in your faith life.

Imagine being part of a dynamic community where your gifts and strengths are valued and nourished and where you knew where you stood in terms of your faith community's expectations of you and of each other.

Imagine a community thriving through ministries and a multitude of connect groups that support and grow faith and love.

Imagine a parish truly animated by the Holy Spirit in a way that constantly invites, renews, challenges and accepts with open hearts and minds new people and new ways of living as a disciples of Jesus Christ.

Imagine what it would take to make all this happen while honouring and respecting Church doctrine and traditions.