

Best Practices in Shared Parishes and Catholic Schools

*So That They
May All Be One*



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When: March 12, 2015
Where: St. Louise, Bellevue
Time: 9:00AM – 4:00PM

DESCRIPTION: This workshop was developed based on the responses of a recent study among a group of pastors who achieved a high level of integration and inclusion in the parishes where they serve. These recommendations help pastors and their pastoral teams respond to challenging ministerial situations and growing demographic changes. It identifies pastoral responses and proven best practices in relation to intercultural competencies in attitudes, knowledge, and skills. It helps parishes discern pastoral planning strategies and opportunities that will lead to a higher level of stewardship. It also provides practical recommendations for Catholic Schools seeking to invite and retain families from underserved communities. Intended for Pastors and pastoral staff, Directors of Religious Education, Parish Council Members, Evangelization Team Leaders, Principals and school staff, and any ministry leader interested in building unity in a culturally diverse parish.

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SCHEDULE

What would participants gain?

- 1. Achieve a better understanding of the dynamics at play in intercultural settings**
- 2. Identify and practice intercultural competencies: skills, knowledge and attitudes**
- 3. Learn best practices for intercultural ministry in different ecclesial settings: parishes, schools and diocesan ministries**

09:00 Introductions

09:05 PRAYER – Enlargement of Our Tent

09:20 BLOCK 1 – Intercultural Sensitivity and Competencies

10:30 Break

10:45 BLOCK 2 – Spirituality and Praxis for Intercultural Ministry

12:00 Lunch

12:45 BLOCK 3 – Best Practices: Mission, Welcome, Growth and Relationships

02:00 Break

02:10 BLOCK 4 – Best Practices: Mentorship, Decision Making, Sharing Resources and Stewardship

03:30 Next Steps

03:45 Evaluation and Final Remarks

04:00 Adjourn

