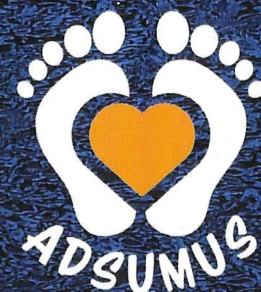




Adsumus Process Outline



introduction

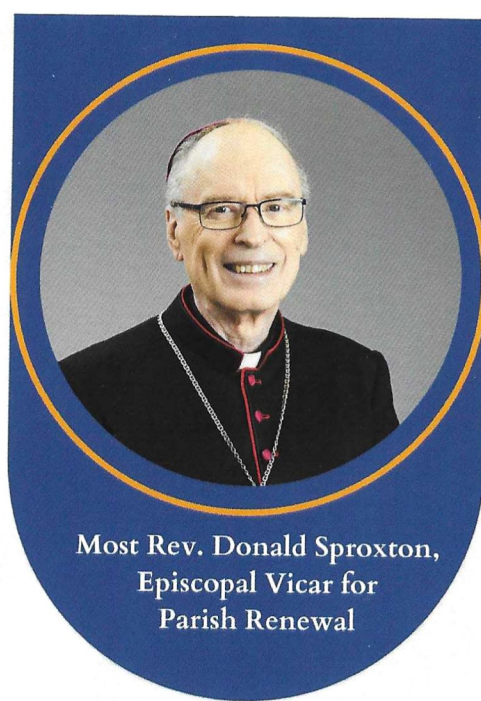
It is with great pleasure that we share with you the outline for the **Adsumus** initiative for the Archdiocese of Perth.

“Adsumus Sancte Spiritus” - meaning “We stand before you, O Holy Spirit”, is the opening line of the prayer historically used at Church Councils and Synods for hundreds of years.

The Adsumus Prayer was also used before every session of the Second Vatican Council, which was convoked for the renewal of the whole Church. So the prayer is most appropriate for us as we contemplate the renewal of our parishes. For this same reason we have chosen, **Adsumus**, as the title of our new initiative.

Adsumus brings to all parishioners the formation we have been offering to our parish pastoral councils. It seeks to assist parishes in forming parishioners to have a true understanding of their role and to discern their unique contribution to parish life.

In order to reach out to as many parishioners as possible, **Adsumus** focusses mainly on the Sunday Liturgy. It brings to our parishes a process of listening to the Spirit, so that all parishioners might prayerfully reflect on and respond to Christ’s call for each person to become missionary disciples.



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process overview

The process and steps for Parish Renewal:



STEP 1: PREPARATION

- Four Sundays
- A time of preparation and outlining the Initial Phase

STEP 2: ENGAGEMENT

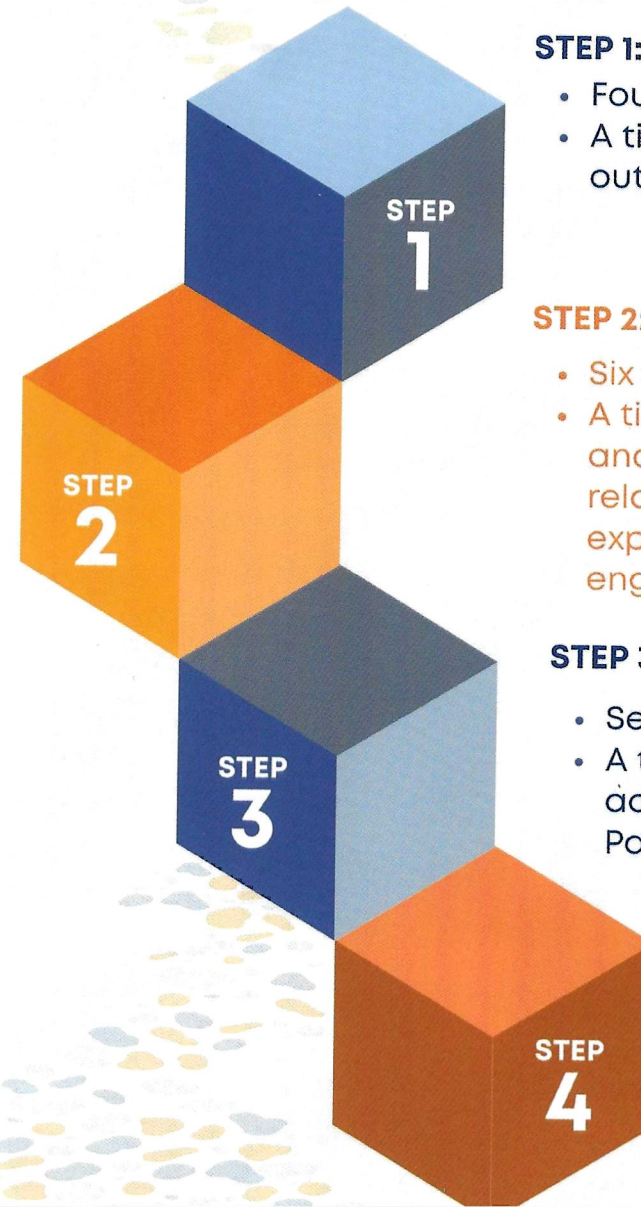
- Six Sundays
- A time for changing the mind and heart, deepening our relationship with Jesus and exploring our commitment to engage with parish life

STEP 3: SYNODALITY IN ACTION

- Seven Sundays
- A time of commitment and action, focussing on the Parish Pastoral Plan

STEP 4: ONGOING FORMATION

- Reflecting on what does it truly mean to be a parishioner and our personal response



Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

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