

How to use the 2022 Evangelise Conference resources in your parish or community

This document outlines various ways your parish or community can use the rich array of free video resources produced during the 2022 Evangelise conference. The videos can be found at [Evangelise Plus](#).

These high-quality presentations will support your evangelisation efforts and provide opportunities for adult faith formation. We are confident that they will be a stimulus for *prayer, learning, dialoguing and discernment* for parishes or faith communities seeking to grow missionary discipleship.

1.0 WHAT ARE THE FIRST STEPS TO TAKE IN DECIDING WHICH VIDEOS TO WATCH AND HOW TO USE THEM EFFECTIVELY?

There are many ways you can creatively use these videos. However, you might like to answer the following questions to help you design a format to suit your context.

- 1.1 Consider your current context: Do you have a strategy to build missionary discipleship in your parish, who is collaborating with you, who is your audience?
- 1.2 How much time do you want to dedicate to this process? For example, several short meetings over a year, a half-day twice a year, an evening/day retreat or parish assembly.
- 1.3 Which videos will support you in your evangelisation strategy? You can peruse the videos directly at [Evangelise Plus](#) or view our [video catalogue](#) which summarises each of our videos, provides a biography of the speaker, and proposes discussion questions to help your parishioners in their dialogue and discernment.
- 1.4 Choose one of our templates or design your own program. When doing this, remember the importance of these four steps:
 - **Pray:** Ask the Holy Spirit to be your guide as you listen and watch the videos—what might God be saying to you?
 - **Learn:** Come with an open mind. What does the presenter in the video have to say to me/us?
 - **Dialogue:** Using your own questions or those that have been provided, dialogue with your group about the ideas presented.
 - **Discern:** How can what you have heard from the keynote and your fellow parishioners help grow missionary discipleship in your parish/group.

2.0 FORMAT IDEAS FOR USING THESE RESOURCES

There are many ways to experience the Evangelise conference resources. Here are three ways which might suit your parish context.

2.1 Conversation starter prior to a parish meeting (under one hour)

Parish life usually involves many meetings. Often, these meetings become focused on maintenance issues (what times will we offer Christmas and Easter Masses, what is our enrolment policy for the

new school year, when will the Sacraments be offered etc). While such planning is essential, parishes can lose sight of what they are primarily called to do – that is, to share the Good News of Jesus.

Consider starting your meeting with a video from [Evangelise Plus](#). You can choose something that fits in with your current initiatives or expands your vision of how to make evangelisation a priority.

[Parish Name]	
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Monthly – February-November	
7pm	Pray: Opening prayer and welcome
7.10pm	Learn: Watch <i>Transformed lives for a transformed world</i> (Lorraine McCarthy) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue: Are there any learnings from this video that our parish should consider? Choose one of the other questions from the Evangelise Plus catalogue to discuss Discern: How can what we have heard transform our parish? What steps should we take to bring about this transformation? <p>Note: If you don't have time to watch the video in your meeting, ask attendees to watch the video before they come to the meeting.</p>
7.40pm	General business
8.40pm	Meeting closes – Next month our meeting focuses on youth, so we will be watching: <i>"I have called you friends"</i> – <i>John 15:15: Youth Ministry post COVID</i> (Qwayne Guevera). Please read the description of the keynote and Qwayne's biography before the meeting. [insert link]
8.45 – 9.15	Supper and meeting concludes

2.2 Half-day seminars or short retreat (3-4 hours)

The busy lives of parishioners mean it is often difficult for them to give up a whole day, let alone a whole weekend for a parish activity. Half-day seminars or short retreats offer busy people something much more manageable.

Consider offering a seminar once a month, for example, on the first Saturday of the month—this way parishioners get into a regular habit of attending. If your parish comprises many young families who have Saturday sport, consider afternoons or even a twilight session and add Mass. Also, consider offering child-minding.

[Parish Name]	
Joint seminar between Parish School Executive Staff/Parents and Friends, Parish Team and PPC	
Saturday, 10 December 2022	
Theme: "How do we nurture the faith in families in our parish"	
9am	Pray: Regular parish Mass (meet in the Church)
9.45am	Cuppa Gather in school staff room Welcome by parish priest and school principal
10am	Learn: Watch <i>Building an effective marriage and family catechumenate</i> – <i>Derek Boylen</i> Dialogue: What did you find interesting about this presentation, and how can our parish be more welcoming to families with children at the Sunday liturgy.
10.50am	Morning tea
11.10	Learn: Watch <i>Discipleship – Children's Ministry</i> , <i>Chantale Wilson</i>

	Dialogue: What did you find interesting about this presentation, and are there any learnings for our parish
11.50	Stretch
11.55	Discern: Bringing it all together How does what we have heard and shared impact our local context. Are we satisfied with how things are, or do we want more? What are our next steps?
12.40-12.45	Final prayer/blessing and conclude

2.3 Night/Day Parish Assembly (9-10 hours over 2 days)

A parish assembly is a considerable commitment, so plenty of notice is required for your attendees. What can you do to make attendance 'easy' for people to attend? For example, can childminding be offered? Hospitality is important—try to engage volunteers whose main task is to cater and clean.

This example requires a strong core team to bring the process together. You also need to ensure that if actions are going to arise from this Assembly – who is going to do the follow through? As with the other formats, choose the videos which best suit your parish's needs.

[Parish name] Parish Assembly Friday, 9 December and Saturday, 10 December Theme: "Discerning our parish's priorities for the next three years"	
Friday, 6pm	Dinner in parish hall
7pm	Gather in parish centre Pray: Opening prayer and song Welcome and 'Where are we now' presentation. This will be jointly presented by the parish priest, PPC chair, Finance chair, school principal.
7.40pm	Theme 1: How can we be effective evangelisers in our parish – is it really our priority? Learn: Watch <i>Catholic Discipleship in a Change of Age</i> , Daniel Ang Dialogue in small groups: What did you find interesting about this presentation and are there implications or learnings for our parish. Share these ideas (I would recommend setting up a shared Google document where each group can add their ideas).
8.20pm	Each group to share one brief thought with the larger group
8.30pm	Closing prayer
8.45	Close
8.45 – 9.45	Leadership team analyses ideas shared in Google document – were there any similar ideas emerging from the groups. Start collating into a summary document that will be shared with the group at the final session on Saturday.
Saturday, 9.30am	Pray: Gathering prayer and welcome
9.45am	Theme 2: How can our liturgies transform our parish? Learn: Watch <i>Desiderio Desideravi – Liturgical Formation of the People of God</i> <i>Unpacking Pope Francis Apostolic Letter on the Liturgical Formation of the People of God</i> , Clare Schwantes

	<p>Dialogue: In small groups discuss what you found interesting about this presentation and are there implications or learnings for our parish. Share these ideas (add them to your Google document).</p>
10.45	<p>Morning tea During the next session, parish leaders collate responses from the 9.45am session</p>
11.15am	<p>Theme 3: As a community, how can we care for our common home? Learn: Watch <i>Living the spirit of Laudato Si'</i> and the <i>Gospel of Creation towards Integral Ecology</i>, Jacqui Remond.</p> <p>Dialogue: In small groups discuss what you found interesting about this presentation and are there implications or learnings for our parish. Share these ideas (add them to your Google document).</p>
12.15	<p>Lunch During lunch, parish leaders collate responses from the 11.15am session</p>
13.00	<p>Theme 4: How can the RCIA and celebration of the sacraments enliven our parish? Learn: Watch <i>RCIA: An ongoing parish renewal experience</i>, Dr Christine Wood.</p> <p>Dialogue: In small groups discuss what you found interesting about this presentation and are there implications or learnings for our parish. Share these ideas (add them to your Google document).</p>
14.00	<p>Entertainment and afternoon tea</p> <p>In a different location offer a more relaxed tea/coffee experience. Parish choir or school choir puts on a small performance. Or, there might be an expo of what is currently on offer in the parish.</p> <p>During this break, parish leaders collate responses from the 13.00 session. They are then collated with the responses from other sessions. Print collated document.</p>
15.30	<p>Discernment process:</p> <p>Participants receive a printed copy of the summaries. In small groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take 15 minutes to read the document and make notes. 2. Discuss what you perceive are the most pressing needs from what you have read and the other discussions you have been involved in. 3. Is there a topic/issue that has not been included in this Assembly which should have been.
16.15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Each small group briefly presents its findings to the larger group. Are there any patterns/topics emerging? Can we clearly see a way forward? 5. Parish leaders accept responsibility for bringing the findings together and presenting a 'next steps' document to the parish.
16.45	<p>Conclude with thank yous and blessing</p>
17.00	<p>Prepare for and celebrate closing Vigil Mass</p>

3.0 EVANGELISE PLUS VIDEO CATALOGUE

The Evangelise Series (all the videos from the Evangelise Conference held in October 2022) can be viewed on [Evangelise Plus](#). A summary of the content can be found [here](#).

The catalogue provides:

1. Title and description of each video.
2. The presenter's name and brief biography.
3. Categories/topics covered in the video.
4. A selection of questions you can use for your dialogue process.

If you would like assistance with using any of the material from the Evangelise conference, or videos found on **Evangelise Plus**, please contact the National Centre for Evangelisation at info@nce.catholic.org.au.