

Serving Mission: Pastoral Conversion

A Conversation with Fr James Mallon

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Presentation:

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2020 (Video approx. 20 mins)

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Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vcSCY1dL-k>

Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhGWkBgcK08>

Part 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyvxv8qa8Ds>

Part 5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqxA7ePIM84>

The document "The pastoral conversion of the parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the church" can be viewed at

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/07/20/200720a.html>

About the Presenter:

Fr James Mallon discusses the document "The pastoral conversion of the parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the church" released by the Congregation for the Clergy in July 2020.

Fr James Mallon is a priest of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada. He is the author of the book *Divine Renovation: From A Maintenance to A Missional Parish*, and co-founder of the Divine Renovation Ministry.

Questions to Ponder:

1. What do you understand by Parish renewal?
2. Plans, guidelines and instructions are all there to serve the missionary option. How important is planning and knowing the guidelines in the work that you do?
3. Our church can sometimes be perceived as a body telling everyone what to do. The analogy of the soccer field offers us a way to think about why good processes and boundaries are necessary but also allow freedom to 'play the game.' How would you respond to this?
4. Fr James Mallon describes the document "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church" as "a good theological, pastoral and canonical document." What do you understand by each element and why is each element important in any pastoral document, whether it be from the Vatican level, diocesan level or parish level?
5. If you had to define 'parish' to someone, how would you do so? What are your thoughts about Fr James' sharing of parish?
6. Is the infrastructure in our world church, diocese or parish level serving us well in this time?
7. Fr James states that "parishes are on a voyage of discovery or rediscovery" about their identity and that this document offers that invitation. Do you agree or disagree? How does this play out in community?
8. The relationship between parish and diocese is strongly affirmed. If we want to see long term fruitfulness, the Diocese has to be involved in renewal because the Diocese IS the local Church. What can this look like?
9. What are the different models of collaboration that you have read about, witnessed, experienced in your faith communities?
10. Everyone is called to participate in the mission of renewal but there are distinctive roles to the lay faithful and the ordained. What is the role you are called to play?

Further Support:

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Please contact the Pastoral Planning Office for support in all areas of pastoral ministry.

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