



Breakout Session B

CHURCHMONEY: RAISING GIVERS

Based on the latest book in the Rebuilt series, ChurchMoney, Tom Corcoran and his team will walk you through what we've learned about money and stewardship in a Catholic parish: no one wants to talk about it yet, everyone needs it. Take a closer look at the key principles to creating a healthy financial culture in your home parish.

ENGAGEMENT VS. ATTENDANCE: MEASURING GROWTH

What is more valuable: a small group member, a person in a seat, or a registered parishioner? Culture is changing and so is the way people engage with the local parish. In this breakout, we'll explore what Nativity does to measure growth in an increasingly changing world.

SMALL GROUPS FOR ADULTS: GETTING STARTED

One of the strongest ways we grow in faith is relationally in adult small groups. They are our schools for discipleship, our plan for fellowship, and our delivery system for pastoral care. And there are several positive side effects from starting a Small Group program at your parish, which extend into the weekend and beyond. Life is better connected!

ENGAGING PARENTS: SACRAMENTAL PREP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The early and adolescent sacraments give us some of the most beautiful moments and ultimately set the foundation for spiritual growth and excitement. Spend time with our kid and student teams talking about how Nativity does sacramental prep for baptism, first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation.

CREATING A WORSHIP CULTURE

The music we play at Mass and the worship culture we're creating brings people into an even closer relationship with our heavenly Father. Learn more about enhancing the beauty of your Liturgy and the celebration of the Eucharist through the music program within your parish and the amazing "come back" experience it can create.

IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION FROM THE ALTAR

The celebrant is not the only one who delivers a message each weekend. Musicians, lectors, lay leaders and sometimes many others play a role in what your congregation walks away with after time spent at Mass. This breakout will examine the moments in Mass when important communication is happening, offer lessons on how to improve communication for laypeople, provide tips for more effective announcements, and more.

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF YOUR MISSION PARTNERS

Food pantries, clothing drives, and canned goods collections – often done with the right intention but are we truly helping or hurting our mission field? Join us for a frank and honest missions discussion on establishing deeper partnerships that empower vulnerable populations to create lasting and sustainable change.

THE PRINCIPLES OF HIRING & FIRING

The secret to building a strong staff team is hiring great people. But what if the person you hired changes, the role changes, or you realize you hired the wrong person? In order to maintain the integrity of your team, you may need to make a staffing change. In this breakout we'll discuss some practical steps for building and maintaining a great staff team.

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IT'S STILL ABOUT THE WEEKEND STUPID!

What if you could create a weekend experience that parishioners and guests really want but never request? You can! With hospitality as the backdrop, we'll explore practical tips that can inspire you and your team to set the stage for guests to come back again and again.

THE NATIVITY CREATIVE PROCESS

Our churches need to be creative. The timeless truths of the Gospel demand to be presented in compelling and engaging ways to reach our culture today. This breakout will explore Nativity's creative process and discuss ways in which we work to reinforce the main point of each message as well as create ministry environments that are fresh, relevant and excellent.

CLERGY AND LAY COLLABORATION: WORKING TOGETHER

In the Church we're facing a growing shortage of priests; what could a stronger role of lay people look like? Clergy and lay people complement each other and the current challenges could lead us to consider new ways of caring for our parishioners and managing the day-to-day responsibilities in our parish. We will discuss how lay people can effectively participate in pastoral work along with clergy.

CREATING AND DELIVERING GREAT STUDENT MESSAGES

Speaking to middle and high school students every week is intimidating. How can we do it well with all of the other responsibilities we have? What are a few key things that will ensure success? In this breakout we'll explore what we've learned about creating and delivering clear, compelling messages for students.

VOLUNTEERS AREN'T FREE

Our weekend environments would be nothing without the volunteer ministers that bring every aspect of the process to life. Their investment of leadership, time, and skills is invaluable. In this breakout we'll talk about the principles and tactics that help us build and maintain strong ministry teams and we'll outline a vision for how you can build an army of ministry leaders.

CREATING AN ONLINE SMALL GROUP COMMUNITY

When building an adult small group program, inevitably you'll encounter people who are interested and willing but due to travel schedules or life circumstances they're unable to attend a weekly small group meeting. That's where online small groups come in. Join us as we share our online small group strategies and how we're reaching this new segment within our parish community.

THE NEXT GENERATION: GENERATION Z

Baby Boomers, Generation Y, Millennial's...what's next? Generation Z. The kids in your elementary programs are very unique in many cultural ways and if we want to reach them, we need to know more about them. In this session we'll explore characteristics of Generation Z, what their needs are, how they learn and some best practices to engage this latest generation.