



Looking Forward 2015

Preparation for 2015 Gatherings

The *Looking Forward 2015* Gatherings will be held in workshop style. Parishes will be asked to discuss and reflect on their progress during the last twelve months, as well as discussing the future.

Parish Pastoral Council/Leadership Team members are encouraged to attend and to prepare ahead of the Gathering in conjunction with their Parish Priest or Parish Leader. Those parishes currently without a leadership group might wish to nominate a *Looking Forward* group to prepare and attend.

Parishes may wish to use some or all of the following items as a guide for preparing information to share at one of the Gatherings:

- Review your Parish Self-Appraisal that you filled in over 12 months ago, including your parish's plans, issues and ideas.
- Review the *Looking Forward 2014* Resource document, especially "What can we do now to prepare well for the future" on pp. 17-18.
- Your parish may have other initiatives that you are undertaking.
- If any members of your parish attended the *Proclaim* conference please review ideas and information they have shared. Links to *Proclaim* and *Rebuilt* and other resources are on the Ballarat Diocese website *Looking Forward* page.
- Review the Continuous Improvement process outlined at the *Looking Forward 2014* Gatherings. Have you identified and implemented Evangelisation and Improvement goals? If not, please take steps to identify "concrete and do-able" goals. Or if you have already done so, evaluate your progress and look to new goals. (Information about this Continuous Improvement process is on the *Looking Forward* page of the diocesan website.)
- Resource sharing – what new resource sharing with other parishes might be a good idea for your parish in the future?

At the Gathering, you will be asked to speak briefly to one or more of these items (a written report is optional). Also, there is no need to wait for the 2015 *Looking Forward* Gatherings before taking action on any of the above points.

The dates of the Gatherings have been distributed to parishes and are on the website. If you have any queries, please contact Amanda Smith 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au