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CELEBRATING GOD IN OUR LIVES:

- ◇ Have input into retreats/liturgy and help plan prayer services.
- ◇ Establish group prayer times.
- ◇ Locate some good prayer resources.
- ◇ Hold a thanksgiving service to celebrate the gifts of the community.
- ◇ Become a Eucharistic Minister.
- ◇ Join or start up a children's liturgy preparation team.
- ◇ Sing in the choir.
- ◇ Encourage the incorporation of Caritas Social Justice Theme into homilies, community activities and liturgies.
- ◇ Organise an annual celebration for children at local primary school/parish.
- ◇ Establish a liturgical environment group.
- ◇ Encourage the incorporation and use of New Zealand's 3 official languages (English, Te reo Māori and New Zealand Sign Language [NZSL])
- ◇ Encourage the incorporation and use of other languages and traditions of all ethnic groups in our prayers/liturgies.
- ◇ Draw up and share a calendar of School/Pastoral Area celebrations and activities.
- ◇ Plan a blessing ceremony for all new drivers.
- ◇ Join the liturgy team.
- ◇ Enrol in the PALS (Pastoral Area Liturgy Support) training and learn heaps more about how to prepare excellent liturgy experiences.

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SHARING OUR LIVING FAITH:

- U Establish a school newspaper.
- U Run a 'gift discernment' workshop.
- U Form a contributing group of writers or photography club.
- U Write "news releases" for local papers.
- U Set up a new ministry in response to an identified faith need.
- U Identify areas where education/formation needed and organise appropriate training.
- U Peer support and peer mediation programmes.
- U Start a Facebook group for your parish/class.
- U Become a mentor to someone younger.
- U Run training for leadership team on.
- U Assist in redevelopment your parish website.
- U Organise/Promote a workshop/forum on a topical issue.
- U Get a group together and attend an E-Conference (they come up 3-4 times a year) — www.cianz.org.nz.
- U Plan ministry training sessions.
- U Get together a study group to do a Catholic theology paper (check out www.catholicinstitute.ac.nz to see what's on offer).
- U Organise small group facilitation/effective communication training for leaders.
- U Run ministry training courses - include exploring why each ministry exists/how it serves the community as clear guidelines of what is expected for leaders in different ministries (job descriptions, exit clauses, succession planning, etc).
- U Promote a 'encourage our junior students' ethos.
- U Encourage and coordinate ecumenical activities/prayer services.
- U Enter the annual writing competition held by the Knights of the Southern Cross (check out www.wn.catholic.org.nz for details).
- U Identify people with marketing skills to advertise available resources.

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GROWING IN COMMUNITY:

- # Organise orientation/support for new students/parishioners.
- # Help plan and run social, sports or outdoor events (dances, what else?).
- # Provide a babysitting service for those who can't afford it.
- # Help plan and run team-building trips.
- # Put together a local art competition/exhibition. Encourage artists of all ages to share their gifts and be part of it.
- # Ensure that your plans recognise New Zealand's bicultural heritage in a multicultural environment.
- # Learn the 'power of invitation' and develop processes for discerning gifts so that all members of the community can be involved, serve and contribute to the Church's mission.
- # Organise a neighbourhood get-together.
- # Hold a 'gift offering' service where people consider which ministries they are called to be part of.
- # Ensure that the local primary school/colleges have regular updates in the parish newsletter.
- # Organise a neighbourhood get-together.
- # Submit a story (300 words max) with a eye-catching hi-res photo Wel-com Newspaper sharing a Good News story from your community (send it to c.mcneill@wn.catholic.org.nz).
- # Become part of the brand new Archdiocesan parish intern programme - contact youth@wn.catholic.org.nz.
- # Get involved at all levels of community (collaboration).
- # Ensure that school programmes and activities include all parishioners, shared festivals, workshops and Open Days.
- # Join the leadership team of your local youth group.
- # Run a collaborative ministry workshop.
- # Come up a list of great ideas of how to ensure that that schools and parishes make sure that families enrolling at schools are informed that they are part of a parish and that ensures they feel welcomed and encouraged to be active members of the community.
- # Run a collaborative ministry workshop.
- # Initiate service and social justice projects.
- # Learn about the Launch Out Lay Leader Training Programme and encourage appropriate people to apply.
- # Organise an event for NZ Youth Week — www.youthweek.co.nz
- # Nominate someone in your community working with young people for a Tu Kahikatea or a Delargey Award (see www.catholic.org.nz).

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WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE:

- ∇ Plan service projects
- ∇ Establish Christian Service committee and projects
- ∇ Fund raise for local/international charity
- ∇ Set up a social justice group
- ∇ Serve others at a Soup Kitchen or Night Shelter.
- ∇ Help out at the local food bank.
- ∇ Spend time becoming aware of the needs in your local community. Make others aware of these needs and devote time to responding to them.
- ∇ Establish a food bank where there is a need.
- ∇ Adopt-a-street/waterway and keep it clean.
- ∇ Set up lawn-mowing for the elderly.
- ∇ Visit the prison.
- ∇ Encourage a Year 7-10 to enter Caritas' annual *Singout4Justice* songwriting competition <http://caritas.org.nz/schools/singout4justice>.
- ∇ Recycle.
- ∇ Set up a community garden.
- ∇ Promote this year's Caritas' Social Justice Theme and organize events/activities around it.
- ∇ Visit the sick.
- ∇ Make a change in your life (buy secondhand clothes instead of new, borrow books from the library instead of buying them, don't buy coffee or junk food, etc) and donate the money you save to charity.
- ∇ Volunteer time to your local St Vincent de Paul society (or Young Vinnies).
- ∇ Go and spend time chatting with the residents at the local retirement community.
- ∇ Join a local social justice group or set one up.
- ∇ Find out this year's theme and promote Respect Life Sunday in your local community (last Sunday in .
- ∇ Promote the use of Fair Trade products.
- ∇ Inform young people of current justice issues and Catholic perspective on them
- ∇ Coordinate lunchtime advocacy options for students
- ∇ Link with senior primary pupils to work on chosen justice topics.
- ∇ Write letters to the government about food shortages for some families.
- ∇ Write a letter of solidarity to a person in an unjust situation.
- ∇ Meet your local MP in their electorate office and express a concern that you have.
- ∇ Write a submission to a parliamentary select group on an important issue.