

# In Communion with Christ

## Formation

### Introductory Session

*The session, an evening, is intended to introduce parish teams to In Communion with Christ. It could be used for any half day session.*

*As part of the preparation it will be important to become familiar with In Communion with Christ including the leaflets.*

*With Hearts and Minds can be used in conjunction with In Communion with Christ. The two sets of formation material could be introduced on a single day. In this case the Scripture Reading for the afternoon session may be omitted or other reflection questions given.*

*If the two are used together it may be beneficial for a parish team to use With Hearts and Minds first before using With Hearts and Minds with the parish and the team forming a homily preparation group.*

*There is a PowerPoint presentation (6) available on In Communion with Christ.*

*If you do not have access to a projector or a technophobe — the presentations, with notes, may be used simply to assist your own preparation. For the presentation itself there are the handouts together with copies of the documents themselves.*

#### 1. Introduction

- Of the Group (if they do not all already know each other)
- Of the Place (if necessary – toilets; fire exits; meal and tea/coffee arrangements)
- Of the Evening — Timetable, Overview of Session

#### 2. Scripture Reading

- Romans 12:4–12

*follow the pattern suggested in With Hearts & Minds of reading twice with a pause for reflection.*

*There is a separate handout [R026] with the texts and the questions on it.*

#### Our Experience

- Where are there signs of life in the community?
- Where are there potential areas for growth?

*Depending on the size of the group it may be best to invite people to share their reflections in groups of 3 or 4.*

#### 3. In Communion with Christ — Overview

*Using the PowerPoint presentation and/or the Handouts introduce the overall pattern of the weeks and the process together with the Introduction and the leaflets.*

*The handout [R026] has space for people to make notes about implementation in their situation.*

*It may be helpful to refer to With Hearts & Minds.*



4. **In Communion with Christ — Preaching**

*Divide into small groups of 6–8. Distribute handout. Say there will be an opportunity for questions.*

*Handout — Use the Homily Preparation sheets [C021–C026]*

5. **Feedback**

*First invite people's reflection on the process followed by any questions — grouping questions together as necessary.*

6. **Conclusion**

*Bring the Evening to a conclusion, in particular place it in the context of the planned ongoing formation.*

*Say the prayer together from the handout.*

