

Today I would like to tell you my dream for our parish community. You may have heard what I am going to say before. It is about my understanding of parish. I believe that a parish is meant to be a community. But not just any kind of a community but rather a community of communities, a community of small communities, a community where we know even love one another, where we share our joys, our successes, our struggles and pains with one another.

I believe that a very simple program called Lectio Divina has great potential to lead us in this direction.

The program is focused on the Word of God, specifically on the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The setting is in small groups to which parishioners belong. Hopefully, there would be several groups in our parish community.

I have been involved in this program for several years and really love it. If this program works we will come to know one another more deeply and it may well guarantee our future as a parish. Because of Covid we will have to begin slowly but let's hope Covid will soon be over.

Lectio Divina can be done on Zoom if necessary although in person it is far more dynamic. This Lent we hope to start on Zoom and if possible in person (masks may be required)

A couple of years ago we demonstrated Lectio right here at Mass. I would like to give you another experience at Mass today. My hopes are high.

I hope we can grow more and more into a community centered on the Word of God, the Eucharist and you on us.