

Ideation Circle

Remember that everything starts with why. Why does your ministry exist? Any ideas you come up with should flow from and be connected to the vision you have for why ministry exists for youth and young adults in your parish.

How do you come up with new ideas? Here are three driving points for consideration:

#1: What is your why?

Overarching Focus:

I am driven by #1 because I need #2 to accomplish #3 to actualize #1.

#3: What problem are you trying to solve with your why? What objective are you trying to achieve?

#2: In order to innovate new ideas, what resources do you need? Who needs to be part of making your why happen?

Questions to Consider as You Innovate, Prepare, and Plan

- How can our leadership set aside intentional time to pause, reflect, and adapt our thinking when it comes to ministry approaches?
- As we seek to rediscover our mission and innovate our ministerial efforts, what resources are available to assist us in visioning in complement to strategic development and execution?
- How would we articulate and measure ministerial success? What results do we want to see in direct correlation to our efforts to innovate?

As Ministry Leaders, we must take a step back from what we are programmed to do - which is facility and in person based ministry as our status quo of operations. We must discuss renewal, evaluate evangelization strategies, and declare boldly a path forward in the name of Jesus Christ.

The call placed on ministry leaders right now is to fully step into the skills of flexibility, accountability, and agility to meet the needs of the communities we serve. Part of this reality means we must broaden our understanding of current trends surfacing and be aware of shifts that are coming our way. The only way to keep up with these shifts is to expand our mindsets, be flexible with the plans already in place, hold ourselves accountable, and react with agility.

One simple mindset adjustment suggestion is to shift from a twelve month cycle to a three-month or even one month cycle in order to respond rapidly to the ever shifting landscape. It is our responsibility as leaders to elevate the level of responsiveness so we are able to actively respond as needs arise. Ask yourself: In what ways do I need to be flexible? How can I hold myself accountable? How can I best serve the needs of the communities I serve?

Remember: God has anointed this time and has called you specifically to respond. Use the gifts you have and take time to pray. Find the hope in the chaos.

Let us know how we can support you!