

ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERIAL PJPS

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Introductory
Session

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ISAIAH 43:19 (NRSV)

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?*

*I will make a way in the
wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

PROCESS

- **Brief inputs (3)**
- **Time for personal reflection and sharing in small groups after each**
- **More general discussion will follow**

AUTHORITY

- You are named and authorised leaders in the Catholic Church.
- This is indeed a “New Thing” in the Church.
- Every Baptised person is called to ministry (Vat II)

MATT 20: 25 - 28

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave”

MINISTERIAL PJPS AND AUTHORITY

*To what degree are you and your PJP conscious of being a Church Authority?
What challenges have you encountered in exercising this Authority?*

What challenges has your PJP experienced in exercising its Authority?

RESPONSIBILITY

- **For Authentic Catholicity**
 - Focus on Mission of Christ and the Church (local as part of that)
 - Servant Leadership
 - Initial and ongoing formation of those carrying responsibility for the ministry
 - Directive guidelines
 - Fostering environment of care, spirituality ...
 - Care for our common home
- **For the “goods” of the Church**

RESPONSIBILITY

What has been important for you in developing a strong understanding of your responsibilities as a Ministerial PJP?

What have been some of the difficulties?

A BLESSING FOR THE CHURCH

- Again a “New Thing” God is doing.
- Individual blessing and collective blessing
- Plenary Council in Australian Church 2020
- Crisis of Imagination – your contribution needed
- Strong theology essential
- Tradition and Contemporary insights both needed

THE ASSOCIATION

**The Association is an avenue for
your voice to be heard
How will the role of the
Association develop?**

TOWARDS THE FUTURE

- Do I and my organisation acknowledge the call to Church Leadership?
- How is this expressed?
- What challenges have we (I and my organisation) experienced in exercising this leadership and what blocks might we anticipate?
- How might we lead in contributing to a Church of the future
- How might the Association contribute?