

Setting Up a Parish Panel

1. Talk to parish staff members to find out the names of some parishioners who are involved in various ministries. These people could bring Eucharist to the homebound, visit the sick, feed the poor, or teach. Many other ministries would be appropriate too.
2. Invite 3-4 people to visit your group.
3. Tell the guests that the children are learning about how the parish continues the mission and work of Jesus.
4. Ask the guests to be prepared to answer the following questions: What is the ministry that they do? Who benefits from their ministry? Why did they choose to become involved in this ministry? How does their ministry continue the mission and work of Jesus?
5. Be sure to allow time for the children to ask any questions they may have.
6. You might like to conclude the panel discussion with a simple reception to show your appreciation.
7. Consider having the children write an article about the panel discussion that could be published in a parish newsletter or bulletin.