

Faith and Faith Formation

Comments and Questions

What has happened to the personal faith of those who have been hurt?

We have faith to hang in and hope that God will come to our aid.

Where is God? How is my faith coping with this mess?

Sense of moving from darkness to light; silence to a voice.

Prayer is a very important next step.

We must not lose hope.

Where To From Here: Emerging Needs and Suggestions

Use prayer to guide us in our thinking.

Renewal program - wanting a prayerful process of reflection on our personal experience of church. needs to happen at every level in the diocese with the following suggested process:

1. facilitators to run regional meetings
2. teams to facilitate process in parishes
3. an ongoing discernment of scripture based resources for prayer/
discussion/reflection at local levels.

Groups in our faith communities.

The initiatives of Vatican II in relation to spiritual practices and faith development seem to have been lost: restore some of the groups and strategies for adult faith development.

Need for parishioners to be reassured that sacraments - eg baptisms and marriages - presided over by priests who have been charged are valid.