The Education Committee

Discuss the following questions and be prepared to share your conclusions with the rest of the class:

1. Of the parish's current attempts at bringing the message of Christ to young people, which ones succeed? Which ones fail? Why? Are most young people turned on or off by the parish's religious education programs?

Notes:

2. Arrive at three ways the parish might effectively help its young people grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ. For example, what kinds of programs appeal to young people? How can attendance be improved? What kinds of topics should be discussed in educational sessions?

The Worship Committee

Discuss the following questions and be prepared to share your conclusions with the rest of the class:

1. Of the present approaches to worship in the parish, which ones most appeal to young people and best respond to their needs? Why? (Worship here means primarily the way in which the Mass is celebrated.)

Notes:

2. Your committee has the authority to improve the situation. Suggest three ways you would change the Mass to increase its appeal to young people. Also, how might young people's attendance at Mass be improved?

The Community Life Committee

(Entertainment and Social Activities)

Discuss the following questions and be prepared to share your conclusions with the rest of the class:

1. A very important dimension of any community's life is the degree to which the members experience joy and happiness as part of that community. Does the parish offer enough opportunities for young people simply to get together for times of fun and sharing?

Notes:

2. It is your committee's responsibility to create opportunities for young people to get together. Arrive at five social activities that you think would attract young people and increase their sense of participation and celebration in the parish.

The Social Concerns Committee

(Service and Advocacy)

Discuss the following questions and be prepared to share your conclusions with the rest of the class:

1. In what ways does the parish presently offer opportunities for young people to share their talents in helping others? Should there be opportunities of this kind (for example, service clubs) for young people in the parish?

Notes:

2. Arrive at five ideas for projects that would both appeal to young people (get them involved) and help others in need.