

## **Delegate Questions about the Proposals – Part 3**

***IFD7: How do coaches/prayer companions differ from spiritual directors?***

While both roles are important, they differ in the level of training required and the scope of the role of support. A spiritual director's role is to listen attentively and to support the person in exploring and growing their spirituality and relationship with God. Spiritual directors are formally trained. A prayer companion or coach offers support in growing and developing a person's prayer life and does not require formal training.

***RMW8: Can you clarify what it means to appoint someone at each parish/group of parishes to assemble a high quality liturgical music program? Does this mean to ensure that there is sufficient funding to hire a music leader at each parish/group of parishes?***

The term "appointing someone" is intentionally vague. The role of a Director of Music (or whatever title the role is given) is an important one. Whether this role is full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer, will be up to the Pastoral Planning Commission to explore and recommend for the Bishop's approval. To the extent that certain positions are to be paid employees, parishes will be instructed on how best to fill and fund such positions.

***ROS2: Does this plan potentially entail loss of parish and/or school control of their own finances?***

While the ultimate form and structure of a Parish or School Finance plan will be determined by the Pastoral Planning Commission, the loss of parish or school control of its finances is not the objective of this proposal. In addition, the structure and form of such finance plans take will always need to be in compliance with Canon law and subsidiarity.

***CLT10: What training is offered currently?***

There is minimal formal training offered beyond Pastoral Ministry Series, Introduction to Catechetical Ministry, and Institute for Leadership in Ministry.

***Proposal #ROS10 An organization in the diocese which is missing is Cursillo. It is an organization which fulfills the mission of the church, where you can experience God's love and develop a closer relationship with Him.)***

We have several members of our delegates representing Cursillo in the Synod. We are excited they could join us as delegates to provide critical input and feedback.

*In Theme 2, proposal #RMW1, or 1, a reference Eucharistic prayer practicums is hard define in general (for a lay person) and in the context of how we can plan events that inspire and strengthen Eucharistic faith. Could it be new wording for the prayers, or adding music or particular motions? Thanks for clarifying*

The specifics of “Eucharistic prayer practicums” or what the nature and extent of the “events that will inspire and strengthen Eucharistic faith” have not yet been defined or determined. What we do know is many people commented on the desire, need and importance of such events. If supported by the delegates and approved by the Bishop, the Pastoral Planning Commission will provide more specific guidance as to what these events might look like across the diocese.

