

# “Mission Forward” Follow Up Session 1

## *Advent, Christmas, and COVID*

*November 19, 2020*

### Agenda

9:00 Welcome – Todd and Susan

9:03 Prayer - Rich

9:10 Session 1: Time is Ticking, Let's Address some Stress

- Advent is 11 Days away, Christmas is 38 days away
- Liturgical Guidelines are out
- It's an Easter “do-over”
  - Quality Matters
  - Communication Strategy
  - Public PR
- Financial Planning
  - Text to donate
  - Year-end letter
  - Special donation for Seasonal Evangelization

9:40 Breakout Session 1: Shared Wisdom and Creativity

1. What changes are you making this year to safely handle crowds this Advent/Christmas?
2. What and how are you communicating opportunities and changes with your parishioners this year?
3. How are you planning to minimize any reduction in revenue at Christmas?

10:00 Bathroom/Computer Screen break

10:07 Session 2: Keep Christ in Christmas

- Innovative Outreach
- Family Time/Rituals have never been more important
  - Decorating, Baking, Story-telling, simplicity, generosity
- Public displays and symbols can bring HOPE this year
  - Nativity, Advent Wreath, Caroling, Candy Cane
- College Students home in December
- Focus on Joy and Peace

10:30 Breakout Session 2: Shared Wisdom and Creativity

1. What is something unique and/or innovative your parish is doing this year?
2. How is your parish supporting family faith and spiritual growth this year?
3. Is your parish doing anything special for college students who may be home most of December?

10:50 Wrap Up/next session

