

Pastors often spend 70% or more of their time on management and administration yet few have received any training for this. At the same time we are losing more people than we're gaining. We help pastors become more effective at managing the business side, creating more time for them to be pastoral.



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This was the tool that helped me the most in my first year as a pastor. At first I was afraid I wouldn't get a return on my investment but before I was stuck and now I see that we are moving forward as a parish.

Fr. Craig DeYoung, Our Lady of Wisdom, San Marcos

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How We Do It

- Facilitated Monthly Roundtable
- Professional development for pastors & collaborators
- 3 Year Certification Process
- 1:1 coaching
- Yearly off-site retreat
- Strategic planning for leadership team
- Management tools for entire parish

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I did not receive any training in administration or management in the seminary, but I was quickly named a pastor and had to figure it out. The roundtable gives me the feedback I need to know if what I'm doing is the best practice or if there is a better way.

**Fr. Will Straten,
St. Mary's Catholic Center, College Station TX**

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The Results We See

- Ability to form a team and the culture
- Managing change
- Updating unhealthy systems
- Focus on the right things
- Clear accountability to peers and laity
- Clear stewardship of finances and other resources
- Becoming proactive instead of reactive
- Community among priests and groups of laity
- Leading effectively towards diocesan level
- Education on the topics that aren't covered in seminary

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As Rector of the Cathedral, I led a parish with many different groups. The roundtable helped me reframe the conversation so that we were able to move beyond the interests of the various groups to the interests of the whole parish.

**Fr. Tim Nolt,
Current Vicar for Priests, Diocese of Austin
Former Rector, St. Mary's Cathedral, Austin**

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Our Work's Purpose

Throughout history the Church has innovated in education, healthcare, philanthropy and business. The Church can innovate again in today's secularized world. To do so we equip the clergy to improve their business and professional relationship skills that they aren't taught elsewhere. This prepares them for their difficult mission which includes not only caring for the flock, but also navigating through a complicated landscape, fighting wolves in disguise and ultimately re-Christianizing our culture.

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The roundtable has taught me much that I have used in every level of my position this past year. Both the skills taught and the support and accountability of the group have been immensely valuable.

**Fr. Jonathan Raia
Currently at University Catholic Center,
UT Austin Former Diocesan Vocation Director**

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