



AsIPA – an
approach for
building the
participatory
church of
communion

SCCs towards a 'Communion of
Communities'

Programme or Process?

- A Journey of Awareness, longing and belonging
 - An encounter with the Word, my neighbour and the Church of Jesus Christ
 - A Growth in Participation in the Mission of Christ and his Church
 - Local incarnation of the 'One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church'.
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- Programme is fixed in sequence, duration and content. Process keeps listening to the needs of the people, adapts and adjusts.



Significant features of the approach

- Participatory
- Adult in allowing agency, ownership and initiative
- Christ centred in content and approach
- Community Building in its group work, sharing and studying together
- Acting together builds the spirit of Service and Mission
- Experts are not required, Facilitators are essential.
- The Gospel at the heart of the Life of the Community

AsIPA Texts – a bag of tools

- To Discover the Vision of Vatican II and FABC
- To experience the Small Christian Community as Christ-centred and Ecclesial.
- To learn how and why we do Gospel Sharing
- Understanding the Mission of Christ in its various dimensions – to serve, to Evangelize, to Dialogue with other faiths, to Minister to the sick etc, to work for Justice etc.
- To train ourselves as a parish team or as an SCC.
- To Take responsibility for the life of the Church in this neighbourhood.



A New Way of Being Church

- For Pastoral Councils,
- For the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- For Catechesis
- For Parenting
- For Leading in the Liturgy and in Ministries
- For Clergy
- For Religious
- For Laity
- Enabling
- Non-dominating
- A Common Mission
- Christ Centred
- Community Based

Leadership in the New Way

Christ-Centered

- Person of Prayer – in love with Christ:
- A listener; Pastoral & Tender
- Liturgy & Worship focus on Christ and the People gathered
- Reconciling and Compassionate
- Missionary

Participatory / Community

- Team work and formation
- Sharing a common mission
- Roles & functions are different but One call to Holiness, One Mission.
- Leader and Guide in matters of faith and morals