



# SHAPED BY **FAITH**

## Assessment for Action Exercise

**Please complete & submit by September 1**

***Note: Only 1 submission is needed from each parish***

### **1. Review the Church Models Slide** *(included as .ppt and .pdf)*

*For each of the models, please:*

***Name potential benefits and drawbacks.***

***Answer: Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?***

#### **1. Merger & Closer**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

## **2. Yoked Congregations**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

## **3. Minster Model**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

#### **4. Multi-Site**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

#### **5. Non-Profit Partnership**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

## **6. Ecumenical Partnership**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

## **7. House Church**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

## **8. Virtual Church**

*Benefits:*

*Drawbacks:*

*Could our parish consider this model/configuration? Why or why not?*

## **2. Financial Vitality Worksheet**

*Spend time exploring the financial vitality worksheet provided for your parish. Note any trends and discuss with members of your team. In consultation with other leaders in your parish (i.e. treasurer/property team), begin estimating projected capital expenses over the next 10 years.*

*If you have any questions about this tool or the figures included, please reach out to Canon Chad Linder ([clinder@diocesecpa.org](mailto:clinder@diocesecpa.org)).*

### **3. Narrative Invitation Exercise**

*Drawing on the values and areas of vitality harvested through the Values Matrix and Church Behavior survey, compose a short paragraph (no more than 500 words) introducing your parish to potential collaborators. What is unique to your parish's identity? What is worship like in your place? What areas of strength and vitality do you bring to possible ministry partners? What areas of strength and vitality might you be seeking from others?*