

Frequently Asked Questions



How many members make up the ARISE Parish Team?

The *ARISE* Parish Team is a group of 8-12 people who come together to carry out the leadership ministry for implementing *ARISE Together in Christ*. The team includes the pastor and/or his representative from the pastoral staff as well as members of the liturgy committee and other parishioners. The work of the parish team is facilitated by the Parish Coordinator. Ideally, the pastor appoints the Parish Coordinator.

What are the responsibilities of the ARISE Parish Team?

- Enable the vision of a parish as a community of small communities to become a reality
- Invite as many as possible to participate in *ARISE Together in Christ*
- Assure publicity is optimum
- Monitor feedback from the parishioners
- Encourage the formation of Small Community Leaders offered by RENEW International

Are the ARISE Parish Team members the small group leaders, too?

The *ARISE* Parish Team is not intended to be leaders of the small group, however a member of the parish team is welcome to work as a small group leader if they would like.

How much of a time commitment is it for the team over the three years?

The *ARISE* Parish Team attends the training sessions (several per year) and oversees the organization of small groups for faith sharing throughout the three years. Eventually, some members of the Team may need to move on in the course of the process. Therefore the Team is always on the watch for potential leaders they can invite to join.

Can parishes "cluster" their efforts?

If parishes cluster, what will be the cost per parish?

Parishes may collaborate in offering the *ARISE Together in Christ* program. The cost is \$1800.00 per parish and assistance is available for parishes who request assistance.

Can a parish join the process after the initial start?

Yes. Please contact Mary Ann McLaughlin at: 617-779-3640.

If a parish has both English and Spanish communities, does the \$1800 cover both languages?

The cost of \$1800 would cover both English and Spanish communities. The same policy applies to English and Portuguese.

What should the parish be doing right now to get ready?

The parish is encouraged to pray for our Archdiocese as we enter into this time of renewal and begin to inform parishioners about the process. Bulletin announcements and Prayers of the Faithful will heighten this awareness. The *ARISE* Prayer is available to view at www.renewintl.org/rcab in Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. Or call 888-433-3221 to order *ARISE* Prayer Cards.

Is there a cost to the parishioners who sign up for ARISE?

Each member of a small group will purchase a book for each Season. Each Season has six sessions. The book costs \$6.95 and is used for six sessions.

How does it work if a pastor has two parishes?

Merged parishes pay one fee. Two parishes with one pastor would each be charged \$1800. Financial assistance is available for all parishes.

Can we get all the information we need at a particular website?

Information is provided on RENEW International's web site at www.renewintl.org/rcab and the Archdiocesan site at www.rcab.org

Is there a video presentation of the ARISE process that I could show the parish council?

There is no video presentation but information is available on the websites listed above.

When will our parish receive our kit?

The Parish Starter Kit includes the handbooks and seasonal materials necessary to plan the *ARISE* process. The kit will be distributed at the Launch meetings in February. Additional parish planning materials will be made available in print and on-line during the course of the process.