

Diocesan Clergy Study Day

2023

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A Renewing Fraternal and Pastoral Interaction for Ministry : – Through Listening, Sharing and Bonding.



The objectives of our Study Days:

1. To facilitate ongoing faith and mission-ministry formation specifically tailored to the needs of the people under the Archdiocese of Grouard McLennan.
2. To engage the clergy in a series of discussion and dialogue on topics/issues in relation to Mission, priestly life, ministry, and vocation and other theological themes to improve pastoral ministry / leadership.
3. To see the local churches mobilized for communal evangelization.
4. To move the parish forward from a Maintenance Oriented Church to a Mission-Oriented Church.

Primary Goals

- **Well-Rounded Insights** - Learn New Pastoral Habits/Skills
- **Group Experiences** - "Two heads are better than one."
- To learn, inspire and motivate One Another.
- **Priestly Fraternity** -Interaction – enjoyable learning, intentional bonding time
- **Ongoing Reflective Evaluation** - Compare ideas and good ministry practices
- **Rethinking** Our Leadership style, approach and attitude



Our Study Package:

The main resources that we would be using to facilitate this Clergy Study Days would all come from 3 books written by Fr. James Mallon.

- Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to Missional Parish
- Divine Renovation Guidebook: A step by step Manual for Transforming your Parish
- Divine Renovation: Group Reading Guide.



Guideline to the Study Days:

- There is an 8-section part, to read beforehand and upon arrival, to share the fruits of your study with others and listen to one another's stories/experiences about ministry in general.
- The first General gathering is March 8, 2023 in Peace River – to be anchored by the Vicar-General and Fr. Emmanuel. On this day, we hope to have a guest to share more lights about the Divine Renovation book in general and to inspire us as we commence the group study.
- The final General gathering will be December. More details will be communicated later.
- Also, there will be three deanery level study days. These will afford priests bonding time and sharing (see the dates in the timeline). The dean is expected to appoint a Group lead for the deanery level to facilitate the study as indicated in the Group Study Guide. Extra creative suggestions to make it more relaxing and enjoyable are encouraged.
- **Note:** This is not an intellectual, academic study – it is more of joyful reading to share experiences and listen to others – with focus on responding to our current ministry geographical and cultural realities in Grouard McLennan.

Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish From Maintenance to Mission

Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelization, Fr. James Mallon shares with us the many ways for bringing our parishes to life. Through humorous and colorful stories, Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the good news with all peoples.

Accessible and engaging, Divine Renovation turns to the Church's many writings on evangelization and mission so as to articulate practical ways for injecting new life into our parishes. Pastors and parish ministers will be inspired by this book and turn to it for many years to come.

DIVINE RENOVATION

From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish

Fr. James Mallon