

Small Parish Forum 2014

“Start, Stop, Continue, Thank You” from Laity to Clergy

Start

- Helping us discern our vision as a parish
- Learn to build consensus
- Earn the right to change practices in the church by educating us
- Learning management skills
- Trusting your parishioners
- Taking your vacation
- Visiting the sick more often—or teach us to visit them
- Educating us on proper church etiquette
- More prayers for the sick & suffering by name so we know who we are praying for (but discourage us from using this as a gossip opportunity)
- Using deacons to help in your ministry
- Having an increased focus on your/your family’s health & well-being
- Increased engagement at coffee hour
- Training as a professional speakers
- Delegating (while overseeing what you delegate)
- Delegating to a greater popular (while delegating to capable people)

Stop

- Trying to run everything by yourself
- Rushing Liturgies
- Dragging Liturgies
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Continue/Thank You

- Your devotion to us
- Educational programs
- Pastoral care
- Visiting the sick
- Being open-minded to parish practices (when newly assigned)
- Being a full-time priest on a part-time salary

Laity Obligations for Helping Our Clergy

- Lay people need to take better care of clergy
- Participate more in the mission of the church
- Be worthy of the tasks that have been delegated to us