

DARE TO BELIEVE ALL-EVENTS CONCEPT SHEETS

1. Two-day Pastoral Inservice

2. Laity Immersion

3. Accountability Circles

4. Family Camp

5. Junior Youth Challenge

6. Senior Youth Challenge

1. Two-day Pastoral Inservice

Purpose

To introduce diocesan or deanery/vicariate pastoral and catechetical leaders to the Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act process for regional lay formation in their proper role in church and society.

Time frame

- Weekday 1
- Weekday 2

Event goals

1. **To provide a sacramental-theological foundation** for regional lay development in their proper role in church and society
2. **To identify assumptions and questions** about lay formation for their active and confident participation in church and society
3. **To map a multistep process** of lay formation, home church development, and youth development

Inservice topics

1. Focus on the mission
2. Focus on the laity
3. Naming the issues
4. Empowered to act in urgent times

Mix of activities

- Table sharing to warm up the environment
- Four talks over two days
- Breakout questions
- Reports back to the whole group
- Whole-group conversation
- Regional relationship building among participants

Event needs

Event coordinator for:

- Diocesan or deanery/vicariate promotion
- Registrations
- Hospitality and environment
- Onsite technology
- Meal coordination

Intercessor team

Mary Sharon's belief

Like Peter, we are being asked to walk across uncertain surfaces in our own turbulent times.



2. Weekend Laity Immersion

Purpose

To equip regional laity for their proper role in church and society

Time frame

- Saturday morning
- Saturday afternoon

Event goals

1. **To provide a sacramental-theological foundation** for lay engagement in the church and in the world
2. **To communicate lay engagement** through Scripture, teaching, and stories
3. **To introduce a culture of accountability** for faith-filled engagement

Immersion topics

1. Dare to believe
2. Rise up to act

Mix of activities

- Opening music for all three segments
- Table sharing to warm up the environment
- Two talks over one day
- Breakout questions
- Reports back to the whole group
- Whole-group conversation
- Community building among participants

Event needs

Event coordinator

Event teams

- Intercessors
- Diocese or deanery/vicariate promotion
- Registrations and database development
- Hospitality and environment
- Onsite technology
- Onsite signage
- Materials, packets, and nametag prep
- Room set-up
- Meal prep and delivery
- Cleanup
- Childcare
- Music

Mary Sharon's hunch

Many people in the pews
have slipped from
being "laity"
back to
being
"parishioners."

Mary Sharon's observation

The world doesn't need
"parishioners."
But it does need
—*whether it knows it or not*—
lay men and women who
live the power of their
anointing.

3. Ongoing Accountability Circles

Purpose

To instill a culture of small-group lay accountability to “dare to believe” and “rise up to act”

Time frame

- Two gatherings per month at the group’s choosing
- Spanning a year, or ongoing

Event goals

1. **To create a welcoming environment** for deeper faith sharing
2. **To foster a culture of accountability** for one’s active participation in the church and in society
3. **To call forth and strengthen** the laity of the regional church

Circle topics

Topics vary per session, per selected essays in *Conformed to Christ*, within the text’s five categories:

1. Invitations
2. Vocation as mission
3. Your apprenticeship begins
4. Being sent
5. Indwelling, freedom, vocational joy

Mix of activities

- Opening Scripture plus reflection
- Accountability reports
- Exploring the session’s essay
- Discerning the next accountability assignment
- Closing hope and blessing

Mary Sharon’s message

Mary Sharon speaks clearly
the demands of
discipleship.

Event needs

Event coordinator at diocese or deanery/vicariate level

Event coordinator at parish level

Accountability Circle teams

- Spiritual leader
- Accountability leader
- Conversation leader
- Scribe

And her stories reveal
her own formation
in the work of
following
Jesus.

4. Weekend Family Camp

Purpose

To bring Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act to family life and to develop home church

Time frame

- Saturday morning
- Saturday afternoon
- Sunday morning, ending with Mass and potluck

Event goals

1. **To give families and households** a sacramental-theological foundation for home church
2. **To introduce a process** for Gospel simplicity at home
3. **To create a culture and statement of commitment** in the home church

Session topics

1. Spirituality of home church
2. Living in God's economy
3. Writing your family covenant

Mix of activities

- Opening music for all three segments
- Table sharing to warm up the environment
- Three talks
- Breakout questions
- Reports back to the whole group
- Whole-group conversation
- Community building among participating households

Event needs

Event coordinator

Event teams

- Intercessors
- Deanery/vicariate promotion
- Registrations and database management
- Hospitality and environment
- Onsite technology
- Onsite signage
- Materials, packets, and nametag prep
- Room set-up
- Meal prep and delivery
- Cleanup
- Childcare
- Music

Mary Sharon's commitment

To engage
and accompany
pastoral leaders and laity
as they dare to believe and
rise up to act.

5. Weekend Junior Youth Challenge

Purpose

To introduce Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act to diocesan or deanery/vicariate junior youth

Time frame

Diocesan Youth Conference program or weekend off-campus experience

Event goals

1. **To provide a sacramental-theological foundation** for younger youth engagement in the world
2. **To share stories of youth** connecting a living faith with lay civic engagement
3. **To introduce a culture of peer accountability** for faith-filled civic engagement

Session topics

1. Dare to believe
2. Rise up to act

Mix of activities

- Opening music for all segments
- Opening social warm-up
- Two talks
- Breakout questions
- Reports back to the whole group
- Guided conversation
- Community building among participants

Event needs

Event coordinator

Event teams

- Intercessors
- Diocese plus deanery/vicariate promotion
- Registrations and database management
- Hospitality and environment
- Onsite technology
- Onsite signage
- Materials and nametag prep
- Room set-up
- Meals
- Music

Mary Sharon's hope

Our youth are not just
the future of
the church.

They are
a vital part of
it's present,
too.

6. Weekend Senior Youth Challenge

Purpose

To introduce Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act to diocesan or deanery/vicariate senior youth

Time frame

Diocesan Youth Conference program or weekend off-campus experience

Event goals

1. **To provide a sacramental-theological foundation** for lay youth engagement in the world
2. **To share stories of youth** connecting a living faith with lay civic engagement
3. **To introduce a culture of peer accountability** for faith-filled civic engagement

Session topics

1. Dare to believe
2. Rise up to act
3. Become your self-in-God

Mix of activities

- Opening music for all segments
- Opening social warm-up
- Three talks
- Peer breakout questions
- Reports back to the whole group
- Whole-group conversation
- Community building among participants

Mary Sharon's encouragement

Our youth have
much to teach us,
if we are willing to
call them forth and
listen to them
with our ears,
our hearts, and
our imagination.

Event needs

Event coordinator

Event teams

- Intercessors
- Diocese plus deanery/vicariate promotion
- Registrations and database management
- Hospitality and environment
- Onsite technology
- Onsite signage
- Materials and nametag prep
- Room set-up
- Meals
- Music