

Opening/Icebreakers:

1. Where are the canons kept in your parish?
2. Do you ever access them online?
3. What are the canonical roles of the leadership structures in your parish?
4. What role does parish leadership have in ensuring the canons are being followed?

Table Discussion Questions (perhaps one per table):

1. Is there a canon that is of particular interest or concern to you? If so, why?
2. If you read a sample of the canons, do you feel that you understand the canons clearly? Do you feel that your parish could be “canon-literate”? Why or why not?
3. Do you feel you understand the canon law around:
 - calling a bishop
 - merging or closing a parish
 - diocesan financial instruments

Why or why not?

4. Do you feel that the canons clearly lay out the functions of the diocesan committees?

A final question:

Having seen the revisions, what is your opinion of the new document? What’s missing?