

## Week 5

### UNITY

Recently PPC members assisted a Diocesan meeting with other parishes. The main topic of discussion was how a PPC can address divisions within a parish community. What Jesus did in his passion and death was to transform bitterness and division rather than to retransmit them and give them back in kind. We want to follow Him.

### PRACTICAL TIPS

The PPC is learning and practicing how to listen, dialogue and build relationships. Disagreements are not new to any of us. We have experienced arguments in families, at work or in community situations. Here are some strategies provided at the Diocesan meeting to help us all in our daily lives.

1. Reframe the problem: Find common ground and work together against problem.
2. Don't try to win the conversation: Avoid an argument and solve problem together.
3. Help the other party feel safe: Have positive intentions with a respectful approach.
4. Remember to be curious: Learn the other person's perspective.
5. Choose the right time to have the conversation: Give advance notice to prepare.

Lord, trusting in your grace,  
we your children gather together.  
Holy Spirit guide us  
To thirst for the sacraments,  
To hunger for unity and compassion,  
To respond willingly to Your call  
as we work together  
to revitalize our parish,  
To strive for humility,  
patience and kindness  
in building stronger relationships  
with You and those around us.  
Amen.

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