

# **L 14 - HOW TO START AND GROW LCSC**

## **L 14A - HOW TO START AND GROW LCSC IN A PARISH**

- (1) Present LCSC to the parish priest. Get his commitment to embrace LCSC as an official parish movement.
- (2) If necessary, present LCSC to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and get these parish leaders on board.
- (3) Mount the LCS over a week-end. This is for PPC members and other parish leaders. They should be invited personally by the parish priest and strongly encouraged to attend.
- (4) The follow-through after the LCS is a monthly prayer assembly. This is a time of (a) worship, (b) teaching and/or Bible study, with or without discussion groups, and (c) fellowship, with or without refreshments.
- (5) Continue mounting week-end LCSs, systematically inviting parish leaders and workers. Have Batch Coordinators whose task it is to inform, encourage and gather LCS graduates for continuing LCSC activities.
- (6) When there is an adequate number of LCS graduates in a particular chapel (the community subdivision of the parish), mount a three-week LCS (one module per half-day per week) for parishioners within that chapel. The chapel-based LCSC will be led by a Chapel Coordinator.
- (7) The follow-through after the chapel LCS is also a monthly prayer assembly. Thus those parishioners who belong to a chapel will have 2 prayer assemblies during a month -- one in their chapel and another for all LCSC graduates.
- (8) As more parishioners join chapel LCSs, the chapel-based LCSC can mount the regular 9-week LCS, with one session per week. This does not preclude week-end or three-week LCSs if preferred or appropriate.
- (9) Offer formation programs as needed or desired. These can be marriage retreats for couples, youth camps for youth, migrants program, etc. Offer also the 4 LCSC pillars: Live Pure (youth chastity), Live the Word (Liturgical Bible Study), Live Life (pro-life advocacy), and Live Full (work with the poor).

## **L 14B - HOW TO START AND GROW LCSC IN A VICARIATE/DEANERY**

- (1) Once a parish LCSC is ongoing and fairly well established, offer the LCSC to the vicariate, with the help of the parish priest in whose parish LCSC is already established. Meet with the vicar general and the parish priests of the vicariate and explain LCSC.
- (2) For all those parishes that decide to participate, mount a week-end LCS for parish leaders whom the parish priests will send. After the LCS, have the monthly prayer assembly. Continue with these regular week-end LCSs for parish leaders of the vicariate.
- (3) At a certain point, a particular parish that feels confident in mounting its own parish-based LCS should do so. Then #s (5) to (9) above follow.

## **L 14C - HOW TO START AND GROW LCSC IN A DIOCESE**

- (1) Once a vicariate has experienced LCSC through its various parishes, offer the LCSC to the bishop, with the recommendation of the various parish priests already involved. Meet with the bishop to explain LCSC. With the bishop's approval, it would be good to also explain LCSC to all the parish priests of the diocese, at one of their monthly gatherings with the bishop.
- (2) When the bishop decides to adopt LCSC as a diocesan movement, mount a week-end LCS for leaders of the various parishes, with participants nominated by their parish priests. This can be a large LCS with hundreds of participants. After the LCS, have the monthly prayer assembly, considering practicality of attendance by LCS graduates from far-flung areas. Continue with these week-end LCSs for parish leaders of the diocese.
- (3) At a certain point, a particular vicariate or parish that feels confident in mounting its own vicariate-based or parish-based LCS should do so. Then #s (5) to (9) above follow.

**NOTE:** All the above is an approach that is from the bottom up. There is nothing to prevent LCSC from starting immediately with a vicariate/deanery or with a diocese, as this just necessitates the acceptance and approval of the vicar general or the bishop.

## **L 14D - SUSTAINING LCSC**

LCSC is grassroots, parish-based re-evangelization. Its basic purpose is to bring Catholics into an active life in the parish, by bringing them into a personal relationship with Jesus, through the LCS and continuing formation. LCSC will not replace any parish program, activity, group, ministry, etc.

To sustain LCSC's rapid and massive work of re-evangelization, resource persons will be trained. These resource persons are LCS speakers, LCS facilitators, LCS service teams, music ministries, prayer assembly leaders, Batch Coordinators, Chapel Coordinators, Parish Coordinators, Vicariate/Deanery Coordinators and Diocesan Coordinators.

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