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What should we prefer?

- A stable, secure, and comfortable parish?
- A risk-taking and uncomfortable parish?

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“Love one another as I have loved you.”

- The cautious operator will preserve the past.
- The lover will risk a broken heart to build the future..

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THE TRINITY AS THE THEOLOGICAL MODEL FOR
EFFECTIVE PASTORAL LOVE

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PASTORAL LANDSCAPE

- Waves of migration
- Early: Irish, some English, post-war Italian and other European
- Recent: Vietnam; Philippines; India; Burma

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PASTORAL CHALLENGES

- Openness or Resentment?
- Parish or Chaplaincy?
- Stereotypes
- Cultural Baggage
- Immigration Bureaucracy

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PASTORAL SUCCESSES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Inclusion of Liturgical Ministers
- Welcoming at our Churches
- Music

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- We are heirs to our ancestors.
- We have inherited a world of renewal: the daily round of the sun and moon, the yearly round of the seasons.
- We have inherited the Good News of Easter, and “Alleluia” is our song.
- We have inherited a world of oppression, of violence, of deliberate death.
- We have inherited a world where fear can stifle hope.
- We have inherited cultures of beauty, where love and song and families can flourish.
- We have inherited cultures of ugliness, where revenge and division and hatred can flourish.
- We have inherited a Church which proclaims the Gospel, and brings reconciliation.
- We have inherited a Church which is Catholic – truly universal.
- We have inherited a Church infected with clericalism, careerism, and favouritism.
- We are heirs to our ancestors.
- We sing the praises of those who have begotten us.
- We lament their sins and failures.

WHERE WE CAN GO

- The future is not ours to know. We can only plant the seeds.
- We can now form parishes which are open, and willing to love.
- We can now form parishes which can see the situation of our many cultures and languages.
- We can now form parishes able to judge according to the Gospels.
- We can now form parishes where parishioners are willing to act to build the future Church.
- We can risk a broken heart each day.
- We can build our pastoral practices from the best our ancestors have left to us.
- We can build our pastoral practices rejecting caste, casual racism, sexism, and stereotyping.
- We can build parishes where children are welcomed.
- We can build parishes where adults are nourished.
- We can build future parishes through choices and systems.