

## **Fresh Start**

### **Benefits**

Fresh Start has been used in more than 50 dioceses and has proven to be one of the most effective ways to build the bonds of trust and affection that can help a worshipping community broaden its ministry and mission. Here are some of the ways FRESH START can benefit your congregation:

- Deepens trusting relationships that enable bishops, diocesan staff, clergy and congregational leaders address critical issues before they become problems.
- Strengthens bonds between clergy and congregations so that their ministry together is a FRESH START.
- Creates learning opportunities where issues of transition can be talked about.
- Helps to honour the ministry of all, lay and ordained, in the life of the congregation.
- Provides an opportunity for congregational leaders to experience each other's openness to God and to deepen their capacity to be ministers of Jesus Christ.
- Broadens the scope of your bishop's teaching ministry within your congregation.

### **What people are saying about Fresh Start**

"After completing our work on the selection committee we were anxious that our relationship with our new priest get off to a good start. Fresh Start gave us helpful information about transition and made room for the intentional conversation necessary for making this transition positive."

Mary Anne Chrisjohn  
St. James the Apostle, Diocese of Niagara



"The opportunity of spending a day a month with colleagues in a learning and supportive environment is invaluable. And to think that everything learned is transferable to the parish! I wish FRESH START had been there when I made other moves."

The Rev. Canon Cheryl Palmer  
Incumbent, St. Clement's, Eglinton

"We have been amazed and delighted at the effect the Fresh Start forum is having in facilitating strong, collaborative relationships amongst our clergy while providing opportunity for continuing education and development."

The Rev. Canon Janet Griffith Johnson  
Director, Human Resources, Diocese of Huron



"I am very pleased with the way FRESH START is working in the Diocese. It is helping clergy and parishes bond together and communicate effectively. It is helping our diocese in the creation of healthy and responsible partnerships."

The Most Reverend Terence Finlay  
Retired Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario