# Connecting and/or Learning groups 2024

When you registered, we promised that "We will not sell or share your address with others." Of course you may decide that you want it shared.

There are a couple of reasons you may want to share your contact information with other participants. Maybe you'd be willing to have some informal connection between sessions. Or You might have an interest in something a bit more structured and formal around the learning process itself. So, we have laid out our thoughts on those possibilities below.

# Connecting

STP was set up to protect participant's contact information. A two-year Zoom format is considerably different from a two-year in-person format. We began with the assumption that in the STP situation some/many might prefer that not every other participant start out the program with their information. That sharing it and deciding to have contact with others in between sessions needed to be based on some knowledge of the others (valid and useful information) and intentionally opting to have such contact (free choice).

Now we are far enough into the program so that you've been with others in small groups and the larger group. Our guess is that some of you might like to have others know how to reach you if they wished.

# Learning Groups

"If you're in a parish team, whatever reflecting/learning work will largely take place within that group. Those participants that are not part of parish teams will be offered a way to connect with others. Groups that are established will be self-managed. We'll offer some initial guidance in setting them up and how they might function." From the webpage on "Optional educational opportunities"

### If you are interested in either of the above...

You can <u>send Brother Robert an email</u>. After a week or so, he'll create a list of everyone willing to have their email address known to others on that list.

The information will go to everyone on that list – whether it is two or fifteen people.

At that point it is completely up to you what you want to do with the information.

### More on Learning Groups

Any learning groups are completely up to you. You can organize them in any manner you wish.

**Beginning a group:** Once you have a list of those willing to have their contact information known, you might communicate with everyone on the list, or you might decide there are a few people you'd like to work with. You propose that to them.

What might a group do?: Anything that you think would assist you learning. For example, discuss readings, share information about what you are planning to do with what you are learning, or ask for critique or feedback.

If you have any questions - send me an email at ragodct@gmail.com

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