

Initial Meeting with Your Pastor

In your meeting with your pastor, address the following ideas about Hearts Afire: Parish-based Programs from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (HAPP®):

1. The need for an increase in a desire for holiness and in participation in the Sacramental life among Catholics, both of which are encouraged in the HAPP® Program.
2. The dedication of the Marian Fathers to renewing and strengthening parish life and supporting the clergy. You can find out more about the Marian Fathers — the religious Congregation of priests and brothers that developed, launched, and promotes the HAPP® Program — at Marian.org.
3. The simplicity of the HAPP® Program: a turnkey program that intensifies Catholic piety and parish life through a three-stage pedagogy:
 - Stage One: The Two Hearts:
 - The Immaculate Heart of Mary – Marian Consecration in *33 Days to Morning Glory* and its accompanying group retreat.
 - The Sacred Heart – Divine Mercy in *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* and its accompanying group retreat.
 - Stage Two: Wisdom and Works of Mercy
 - Participants learn about our Catholic Faith (in light of the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity) — based on *The “One Thing” Is Three* book and using its accompanying group study materials.
 - Then participants put their faith into practice as a group by reading the book *You Did It To Me* and then meeting to decide on works of mercy they will perform in their parish and community
 - Stage Three: Keeping the Hearts Afire
 - Participation in the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy. see <http://marianmissionaries.org/>
 - Additionally, groups get to pick from a variety of small-group programs to keep growing deeper in their faith.
4. The materials used in the HAPP® Program are approved as faithful to Catholic teaching and include books and talks by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.
5. The HAPP® Program can be run with little or no cost to the parish. It’s one of the fastest growing, most affordable parish-based programs in the U.S.
6. Each stage includes:
 - Easy-to-use materials (kits for leaders and packets for participants).
 - Promotional and support materials on AllHeartsAfire.org.
7. Your willingness to take care of scheduling the facilities, picking dates, ordering materials, registering and contacting participants, and training small group leaders.

Covering all these details in your meeting with your pastor will show him that you are well prepared and committed to the success of the program and that you indeed want to make it a gift to the parish.