

MID-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATION CIRCLES  
MAY 15 – JULY 10, 2016

Guide for Facilitators



TOPIC: **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS 2**  
FOR THE  
**2017 INSTITUTE CHAPTER**

1. Remind everyone to bring their preparatory materials with them.
2. Read though the complete process from the Institute Chapter Preparation Team.
3. On the day of the conversation circle, set an atmosphere for contemplative dialogue by lighting a candle and playing soft reflective music in the background.
4. Take the first 15 minutes of your circle time to reflect on the *2011 Chapter Declaration*. With the soft reflective music playing in the background have a participant read the *Declaration* slowly and deliberately throughout the 15 minute period.
5. Then in a spirit of contemplative dialogue, open the discussion on the questions:
  - o What transformation has occurred in us because of the ways we have integrated the Chapter Declaration into *our* lives?
  - o In the *Chapter Declaration* we acknowledge our complicity and asked for the God's mercy. As we look at this now what complicity might *we* still need to acknowledge for continual transformation?
6. With about 20 minute left in the session, work with the circle to determine which of all the points made should be part of the feedback to the Institute Chapter Planning Team.
7. End the session with silence and a few minutes of reflective music and then pray together the Suscipe of Catherine McAuley:

My God, I am yours for time and eternity. Teach me to cast myself entirely into the arms of your loving Providence with a lively, unlimited confidence in your compassionate, tender pity. Grant, O most merciful Redeemer, that whatever you ordain or permit may be acceptable to me. Take from my heart all painful anxiety; let nothing sadden me but sin, nothing delight me but the hope of coming to the possession of You my God and my all, in your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

8. Provide your circles response to the questions at this link: <http://bit.ly/1SDiI9q> no later than July 15, 2016.
9. Set a date for the September - October, 2016 Conversation Circle.

