

# Question and Answer Sheet

Suggest all groups do the first two questions.

**All Groups** Why do you go to Mass?

Why do we need to come to church when I can pray at home? What difference does my presence make? (What's missing when I'm not here?)

**Group 1:  
Introductory Rites** What are the different roles at Mass?  
When do you feel most involved?

**Group 2:  
Liturgy of the Word** Why do we read the Bible at Mass?  
How does God's Word help me to live my life?

**Group 3:  
Liturgy of the  
Eucharist** Why do we bring bread and wine to the altar?  
Why do I need to receive communion every Sunday?

**Group 4:  
Concluding Rites** How does coming to Mass help me for the rest of the week?  
What is God sending me out to do?

## **Guidelines for commentators**

*Commentators are mentioned several times in church documents (General Introduction to the Missal #105, #352; Introduction to the Lectionary #57). It was very helpful to have commentators at the time that English started to be widely used at Mass, because it enabled people to have a deeper understanding of the Mass and to participate more fully. With the words of the Mass changing once more, there is another opportunity for the liturgical formation of the people. The process of question and answer outlined above allows the young people to share their faith with the wider community, challenging them to take their faith out from the Sunday Mass into their daily lives.*

*The guidelines make the form of commentary very clear. It should be relevant, clear and brief. It should be written out beforehand, and approved by the priest who will be celebrating the Mass. The commentator(s) should stand facing the faithful, but not at the lectern.*

*"The new translations of the Roman Missal offer us an opportune moment to deepen our appreciation of the Mass. Through catechesis we can renew our reception of the richness of the Church's faith through the ages which, in faithfulness, is now handed on to us in these texts."*

*Archbishop Vincent Nichols,  
address to the His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI*