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Guidelines & Scriptural Reflections:

5 Marks Challenge

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'I saw a need and thought this is a passion I have to serve for justice issues.' Alex Fromholz, Holy Trinity, Serving the Rathmines Women's Refuge

'We find a variety of ways to practice our Christian faith as a group and to build community.' James Gallen, Holy Trinity Rathmines, Leads weekly study and discussion group of the Bible

'I feel that what I'm doing is very small but it has shown me that there is a different world outside.' Hilary Cran, Tullow Carrickmines, Serving the Bray Women's Refuge

Why don't you take up the Challenge?

The Come&C 5 Marks Challenge is based on the idea of participants challenging themselves to some form of learning or discipleship activity over a period of time linked to the 5 Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion. The criteria for each Challenge includes an emphasis on reflection.

The 5 Marks Challenge is open to any individual or group that is already involved in a discipleship activity or any individual or group that would like to be involved in some form of discipleship.

Participants involved in taking up a Challenge will receive a ribbon pin and a certificate from the Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough.

Blue Challenge (Tell)

The Blue Challenge relates to the first Mark of Mission – To Proclaim God's Kingdom (Tell).

- Recall and write a reflection about an incident when you were challenged to explain your faith to someone else.
- To study some aspect of the Church tradition, either in the Creed, the history of the local parish or the diocese, and to write a short reflection on what this might mean for inspiring or deepening discipleship.

Yellow Challenge (Teach)

The Yellow Challenge is for the second Mark of Mission – To Teach, Baptise and Nurture (Teach).

- Involvement in the design and delivery of some faith teaching programme in the parish.
- Involvement in a ministry linked to preparation of parents and sponsors for Baptism, Sunday ministry with children, adult catechesis.

Red Challenge (Tend)

The Red Challenge is for the third Mark of Mission – To Respond to Human Need (Tend).

- Involvement in outreach activities with the Parish or with other social action groups (the Samaritans, women's shelter, a soup kitchen etc).
- Mobilising others to raise funds in a response to human need.

Purple Challenge (Transform)

The Purple Challenge is for the fourth Mark of Mission – To Transform Unjust Structures (Transform).

- To mobilise political awareness or activity about some issue of injustice (writing letters to newspapers, TD, etc).
- To build links with other groups who are working directly on situations of injustice with a view to supporting them in their work.

Green Challenge (Treasure)

The Green Challenge is for the fifth Mark of Mission – To Safeguard Creation (Treasure).

- Take part in some pilgrimage experience – Croagh Patrick in Mayo, Camino in Spain, Camino de Glendalough.
- Involvement in some ecological project. This might be Tidy Towns, a natural Garden Project, a recycling programme (akin to the Green Flag system for schools)



The aim is not to limit participation to these activities, but to suggest activities that might stimulate individuals to design a personal project or perhaps to take some regular activity they engage with and to see it in a new light under the lens of the five Marks of Mission.