



**Archdiocese of Indianapolis - Catholic Charities
Introduction to
Parish Social Ministry**

IX. But we are not starting from Scratch – so how can PSM help our parish?

PSM is meant to be a resource for further development, not a hindrance to existing efforts that are well established. There are many PSM resources that are available to all parishes; such as how to recruit more volunteers, how to structure a meeting to go beyond just reporting, or ongoing spiritual formation resources that are centered on the social doctrine of the Church.

Below are three models on how to structure a Parish Social Ministry Team. Each of the models can be adapted to fit the needs of your parish. The second model is a model that may be a better fit for parishes that already have a outreach type committee. It helps adapt aspects of PSM into the outreach ministry already in place.