

How to Get Along with Traditionalists

A Guide for Parish Leaders and Other Catholics

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Chapter 1 – Getting Started

Quit being a bigot. The person in your parish who seems so alien and inscrutable is another human being just like you. Quit assuming people can be summed up by superficial generalizations.

Introduce yourself to the person you would like to get along with. Find out his or her name. You can learn all about this person, including his or her greatest difficulties and desires, by spending time together.

You can use this simple formula to gauge approximately how well you know the other person:

Less Time Spent Together = Know Each Other Less Well
More Time Spent Together = Know Each Other More Well

When you spend time together, listen to what the other person has to say. If you don't understand something, ask questions. Resist the urge to think you know what the other person is thinking.

Within the limits of your abilities and your vocation, put yourself at the service of this person with whom you wish to get along.

Chapter 2 – The Next Step

There is no next step. Go back to Chapter 1.

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