

## Priest Researcher Interviews

1. Welcome and confidentiality:

Good morning/afternoon. My name is Lynda Barley and I am Head of Research & Statistics for the Archbishops' Council. I am interested in the research that you have carried out and would like to know a little more about the process you undertook. I am researching the role of parochial clergy in developing pastoral ministry and would like to hear something of your experience. My research is registered with Anglia University University and you will not be identified in any publication or dissemination of results. I am keen to know how your research has been useful to you and how it has been received by the Church and clergy colleagues.

THANK YOU for taking the time to participate in this interview. I would like to record our discussion to help me bring together the emerging themes and I hope that is satisfactory to you. It will only be used by myself. Please rest assured that all information you provide will remain entirely confidential and anonymous throughout this project. No individual will be identifiable in any analysis or report.

2. Introductions using Christian names only (for recording purposes).
3. May I begin by asking why you undertook your research? What was your motivation?  
*Prompt to consider context, pastoral and personal situation, any pastoral crisis.*
4. How has your ministry altered as a result of the findings from your research?
5. What difference has the process of undertaking your research made to (other areas of) your ministry?
6. How has your research been received by colleagues and by the diocese?
7. What might encourage others to undertake research into aspects of their pastoral practice?
8. How does the term priest-researcher resonate with your experience? Is it a desirable and feasible aspiration for clergy in their workplace?

**THANK YOU** for your time and help in taking this research forward. Please get in touch if I can support you in taking your research forward in the future.