

Tom Krapu, PhD, ACC has had a very meaningful and significant impact on our diocese through two diocesan events. Tom actively participated in our "Cultivating Unity" priest assembly and our priest convocation entitled, "Call to be Men of Communion" programs in the Lexington Diocese. He was the facilitator for a total of five days.

At the Cultivating Unity program his integration of the book "Anatomy of Peace" into a process of deep exploration, discovery and "change of heart" among our priests had a profound effect on the priests of our diocese. Over this three day process Tom masterfully guided priest "learning partners", small and large group discussions. As a result, I have seen a new openness to moving from the fringe of the priest community to a more meaningful sense of belonging. In addition there has been a deepening of relationships in general among our priests. As I told Tom myself at the end of our priest assembly, the best word I could use to describe Tom is "WOW". His work created a "buzz" among our priest community that lasted literally for months.

Because of Tom's impact he was the facilitator of choice for our Priest Convocation several months later. His presentation and facilitation skills again challenged and supported essential growth among our priest community. I recommend him as a facilitator who skillfully engages his audience and creates an experience that even the most resistant priests find it easy to engage in. Having gotten to know Tom and his work, we are considering the integration of his leadership development programs into our ongoing formation and priest accountability programs.

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