The key to successful and sustainable computerization is to begin with a system that can handle all your needs of today as well as ahead.

Why past software attempts did not take off as expected?

Parishinfo has several advantages and takes care of the many problems faced by offline software. Following are excerpts from a study on why off-line software did not take off and how Parishinfo is designed to overcome those shortcomings:-

1.   **Offline software Implementation, installation, maintenance, support, updates and upgrades were to be provided at each location making it expensive and unviable in the long run.** [*Parishinfo is cloud based and centrally implemented, installed, supported, maintained and controlled from a single location at the Diocese*]

2.   **Offline software was installed on local PC. In many instances, lack of timely support and absence of quality system maintenance crashed PCs along with the software and data.** [*Parishinfo is system independent. It is accessible from anywhere on any internet connected system or mobile with a username and password*]

3.   **In most cases, Offline software vendors got their money in the first year itself. This left them disinterested to upgrade the programme to future requirements.** [*Parishinfo does not charge upfront fees. It is based on a monthly subscription ranging from Rs.75 to 200 per Parish. Subscription based software ensure timely maintenance and support*]

4.   **Security patches and updates could not be carried out regularly as it was difficult to reach all Parishes; leaving Offline software redundant and defunct.** [*Parishinfo is managed centrally, upgrades and patches are required to be done only one a single system making it quick and uniform for everyone*]

5.   **Offline software had single user format where parish priest was the only user and in many cases the software discontinued due to inadequate operational knowledge of the incoming priest.** [*Parishinfo is built on multi user format. Every functionary and member has a login. This ensures continuity and ease of management*]

6.   **Diocese had no operational control over the Offline software and it became difficult to push through implementation and ensure continuity.** [*Parishinfo is Centrally installed, controlled and managed by Diocese*]

7.   **Offline software did not offer direct benefits to everyone. The system mostly meant to compile parishioners' data without benefits to everyone in the diocese.** [*Parishinfo provides functional benefits to everyone connected with the Diocese*]

8.   **Offline software used manual data processing. Updating member records periodically became extremely difficult.** [*Parishinfo offers a login for everyone so that they can update their information online without the intervention of parish or diocese*]