

DIOCESAN SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE FORM

Inspired by Pope Francis call to begin to be a more synodal church, we are trying to reach out as much as possible to ALL PEOPLE , whoever you are, religious or not, to Journey Together as a wider-family to live in the best communities and families and have the best friendships we can possibly have.

Pope Francis is inviting all of us to listen to each other with our hearts open, and with a generous attitude, to work out what God is saying to us so that we can create a fresh way of living and 'walking' together, and being Church in the world. He calls this the 'synodal process' and it is very much about listening, discerning, praying and acting! He especially wants people who are baptised to be involved.

What you want to say really matters! We will do our best to listen.

Please help us with this questionnaire, it will take you about 15 minutes to fill out and you don't have to give us any personal details if you don't want to.

Please indicate which applies to you

**Are you answering as an individual or as part of a group?**

Individual – Yes/No

Group – Yes/No – Group Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are typing a response, where free text responses are requested the boxes will expand to accommodate your full answer.

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| **Question** | **Response** |
| Are you answering as an individual or group? |  |
| Has the Catholic Church already helped you, or journeyed with you in your life?   1. Never 2. Yes, once or twice 3. Occasionally, when I have needed help or support 4. Yes, often 5. I feel involved all the time | Select one: |
| If so, how has this help or experience been for you? | Enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 is ‘*terrible*’ and 5 is ‘*excellent*’ |
| Can you explain your answer to the previous question, especially if you scored 1 or 2? |  |
| Are some people being left behind? Can you list who (no names please, just groups of people)? |  |
| Can you tell us more about this? |  |
| How well do we listen, especially to people who different views than our own? | Enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 is ‘*poorly*’ and 5 is ‘*really attentively’*  ’ |
| How can we better listen?  Pope Francis encourages us to speak up and speak out with courage on things that are important to us. Do you feel you can? Is your voice heard? | Enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 is ‘*not at all, the Church doesn’t really listen to me*’ and 5 is ‘*Yes, I am comfortable speaking up and feel I am listened to*’ |
| What/who could help you to speak up and be heard?   1. More opportunities to share views/experiences 2. Improve my own confidence 3. Not to be criticised, judged or ridiculed 4. My parish priest or deacon 5. My group leader (if appropriate) 6. Writing to my local newspaper/newsletter 7. My MP. MSP or local councillor 8. No-one 9. Other | Enter the numbers of all that apply |
| If you chose no.9 can you explain you answer? |  |
| Can you say more about what helps or hinders you speaking up in our local church? |  |
| How well do you feel involved in celebrating with our Church family in your parish? | Enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 is ‘*not at all*’ and 5 is ‘*greatly*’ |
| There are different forms of celebration. How much do you feel you are part of these and can be involved?   1. Very involved 2. Sometimes involved 3. Rarely involved 4. Never involved 5. I do not feel welcome 6. Parties and gathering in the church hall 7. At Church, participating in Mass and other liturgies 8. Attending Church services like First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Funerals 9. Involved in one of the Church’s groups e.g. Youth Club, SVDP, Café etc. 10. Involved in a group that uses the Church buildings e.g. Slimming Club, Toddlers’ Group. AA/NA | Enter the numbers of all that apply |
| Can you explain a bit more, especially if you feel you are not involved or welcomed? |  |
| The mission of the Church is to journey together towards God, using our gifts and talents to serve each other along the way. How do you feel you do this?   1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Neither agree or disagree 4. Disagree 5. Strongly disagree 6. With my family and friends 7. With my fellow parishioners at Church 8. I try to use my gifts and talents to help people whenever I can 9. I would like to offer my gifts and talents to the Church more than I do now | Enter the numbers of all that apply |
| What stops or hinders me from giving my gifts and talents to the Church to help serve others? |  |
| Do you think the Church is good at helping people who serve society? Consider, for example, the following areas: social and political involvement; scientific research; education; promoting social justice; protecting human rights; caring for the environment.   1. Yes, excellent 2. Good enough 3. I don’t know 4. Not very good 5. Could do a lot more | Enter the number which applies |
| Where you have answered with a 4 or 5, can you say a bit more to help us understand? |  |
| Is the Church good at listening to and connecting with local people from diverse groups such as people with different religious beliefs ( e.g. Muslim, Buddhist), single parents, same sex couples, people with disabilities, people with mental health or addiction issues, people from ethnic backgrounds, people living in poverty?   1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Neutral 4. Disagree 5. Strongly disagree 6. I don’t know | Enter the number which applies |
| Are there other diverse groups not mentioned above? How could we better connect and engage with people from diverse groups? |  |
| How well does our parish connect with other Christian traditions or denominations in our local area?   1. Not all 2. Not very well 3. I don’t know 4. Quite well 5. We have great connections | Enter the number which applies |
| How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other? |  |
| If you are an active member of your parish, how would you describe your involvement?   1. Father does it all 2. I’m happy just to come to Mass 3. I don’t know 4. I get involved sometimes 5. I enjoy being involved 6. Identifying goals and how to achieve them 7. Taking responsibility/leadership for a particular group or ministry 8. Helping others to become involved 9. Being invited to parish meetings or discussions | Enter the numbers of all that apply |
| Please help us by explaining your answers to the previous question. |  |
| Do you believe the Church is healthy and vibrant in your area, where we listen and pray together, try to involve everybody, and make good decisions together? | Enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 is ‘*yes*’ and 5 is ‘*no*’ |
| Can you explain why you gave that score (especially if you scored it 4 or 5)? |  |
| What would help us to ‘journey together’ – making sure that every member of the community is welcomed, respected, listen to and involved? |  |
| If you are comfortable, can you tell us a bit more about yourself e.g. name, gender, age group, email address, groups you are involved in? |  |