

Union of Saints

Intrusive Questions

Respecting Privacy, Consent, and Healthy Human Relationships

Introduction

Healthy relationships are built upon trust, mutual respect, compassion, and consent. While curiosity is a natural part of human interaction, not every question is appropriate to ask every person. Some conversations require a foundation of trust that develops over time.

The Union of Saints encourages people to recognize that privacy is a fundamental aspect of human dignity. Every individual has the right to choose what they share, when they share it, and with whom they share it. No one should feel pressured, manipulated, intimidated, or obligated to disclose personal information.

An intimate conversation should always be consensual. Both individuals should feel comfortable participating, and either person should be free to decline a question without guilt, shame, retaliation, or pressure.

Why Intrusive Questions Can Be Harmful

Intrusive questioning can:

- Violate personal boundaries.
- Create feelings of discomfort or anxiety.
- Be used as a form of manipulation or coercion.
- Gather unnecessary personal information.
- Increase vulnerability to fraud, exploitation, stalking, or identity theft.
- Damage trust within relationships.
- Cause individuals to relive painful experiences or trauma.

Healthy people respect boundaries.

Examples of Intrusive Questions

Personal Identity

- What is your full legal name?
- What is your Social Security number?
- What is your date of birth?
- What is your driver's license number?
- Where do you live?
- What is your home address?
- Where do you work?
- What is your daily routine?
- What school do your children attend?
- What is your phone number?
- What is your personal email address?

Financial Questions

- How much money do you make?
- What is your annual salary?
- What is your net worth?
- How much money do you have saved?
- How much debt do you have?
- What bank do you use?
- What are your account balances?
- What is your credit score?
- What investments do you own?
- What assets do you own?
- How much is your home worth?
- How much inheritance do you expect?
- What are your passwords or PIN numbers?

Medical Questions

- What medical conditions do you have?
- What medications do you take?
- Have you been diagnosed with depression or anxiety?
- Have you ever attempted suicide?
- Are you pregnant?
- Have you had an abortion?
- Are you infertile?
- Have you had surgery?
- What disabilities do you have?
- What is your genetic history?
- What does your medical record say?

Romantic Relationships

- Who are you dating?
- Are you in love?
- Why did your last relationship end?
- Have you ever cheated?
- How many partners have you had?
- Why are you still single?
- When are you getting married?
- Do you want children?

Sexual Questions

- Are you sexually active?
- What are your sexual preferences?
- What is your sexual orientation?
- What is your gender identity?
- Have you ever had a sexually transmitted infection?
- What pornography do you watch?

- What are your private fantasies?
- What sexual activities do you engage in?

Family Matters

- Why did your parents divorce?
- How much money do your parents have?
- Does anyone in your family have mental illness?
- Does anyone in your family have a criminal record?
- Are you estranged from your family?
- Why do you not speak to your relatives?

Trauma

- Were you abused?
- Have you ever been assaulted?
- Have you ever been raped?
- Have you experienced domestic violence?
- What happened during your worst trauma?
- What triggers you emotionally?

Religion and Spirituality

- What religion are you?
- Why did you leave your religion?
- What church do you attend?
- What are your private spiritual beliefs?
- Do you believe in God?

Politics

- Who did you vote for?
- Which political party do you belong to?
- What political organizations support you?
- What causes do you donate to?

- What are your political beliefs?

Employment

- Why were you fired?
- Are you looking for another job?
- How much does your employer pay you?
- What is your security clearance?
- Have you ever been disciplined at work?
- Are you under investigation?

Legal Matters

- Have you ever been arrested?
- Have you been sued?
- Are you involved in litigation?
- Have you declared bankruptcy?
- What advice did your attorney give you?

Digital Privacy

- What are your passwords?
- What is your PIN?
- Can I look through your phone?
- Can I read your emails?
- Can I see your text messages?
- May I track your location?
- What are your security questions?

Home and Property

- Do you own firearms?
- Where do you keep your valuables?
- Do you have a security system?
- When will your home be empty?

- How much is your home worth?

Personal Beliefs

- What is your greatest fear?
- What is your biggest regret?
- What are your deepest insecurities?
- What personal secrets have you never shared?
- What is your greatest weakness?

Children

- Why do you not have children?
- Was your pregnancy planned?
- Does your child have a disability?
- Are you trying to become pregnant?
- How does your child behave at home?

Public Assistance

- Do you receive disability benefits?
- Do you receive welfare?
- How much assistance do you receive?
- Why are you receiving benefits?

Criminal History

- Have you committed a crime?
- Have you ever been in jail?
- Have you used illegal drugs?
- Are you currently on probation?

Questions That Require Exceptional Trust

Certain conversations should generally occur only within healthy, trusted, and appropriate relationships, such as between spouses or partners, close family members, physicians,

therapists, attorneys, financial professionals, or others where the information is directly relevant and willingly shared.

Examples include:

- Personal finances.
- Medical history.
- Mental health.
- Trauma history.
- Sexual experiences.
- Family conflicts.
- Legal matters.
- Religious struggles.
- Emotional wounds.
- Future inheritance.
- Personal security information.
- Private communications.

Healthy Alternatives

Instead of asking intrusive questions, consider asking:

- How have you been lately?
- Is there anything you would like to share?
- What has been bringing you joy recently?
- How can I support you?
- Would you feel comfortable talking about that?
- Is this a good time to ask something personal?
- You do not have to answer if you would rather not.

These questions honor the other person's dignity while allowing them to choose what they wish to share.

The Union of Saints Principle

The Union of Saints teaches that consent applies not only to our actions but also to our conversations.

Respect for another person's privacy demonstrates compassion, humility, wisdom, and self control. Healthy relationships are not built through interrogation but through patience, trust, kindness, and mutual respect.

Every person has the right to establish healthy boundaries. Every person has the right to decline a question. Every person has the right to determine the pace at which trust develops.

True fellowship grows naturally. Trust cannot be forced. It must be earned through love, integrity, honesty, and respect.

Union of Saints Human Relations Series

Healthy Boundaries, Respectful Communication, Consent in Conversation, Privacy as Human Dignity, and Recognizing Manipulative Questioning