



Listening Sessions Questions for Individual Reflection

The following questions are designed to obtain important information from the People of God in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg regarding the question of Synodality. In order to do this with the best spiritual approach possible, we would suggest that you take a few quiet moments to place yourself in God's presence and seek to open your heart to our Lord. In approaching the questions in the survey you are embarking upon an action of the Church itself. You are invited to look upon each question as an opportunity to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying through you to the whole Archdiocese, indeed the whole Church. We all have opinions about things but in an exercise such as this one, we want to know what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. Each of us has the mark of the Holy Spirit within us because of our Baptism and Confirmation. This is a very privileged moment dear Brothers and Sisters. After you have quietly composed yourself, the Ad Sumas Prayer is to be said. This is the same prayer that the Bishops prayed before each session of the Second Vatican Council. Then reflect and respond to the questions.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

QUESTION 1

A Synodal Church is one that “journeys together.” People on a journey engage in conversation as they walk. They speak respectfully to one another, and listen carefully to what their fellow travelers have to say. They support and encourage one another and welcome others to join them. They divide up tasks, so that no one person is left carrying a too great a load and so everyone feels they are part of the team.

- a. How does my own parish live out this image of “journeying together”?
- b. How well has my Church supported me during this time of Covid? Have I remained involved? Felt connected? Supported? Encouraged?
- c. Outside Covid, how has it supported me during the important moments of my life (marriage, parenthood, illness, death of a loved one)?
- d. Are there one or two instances (positive or negative) that have left a deep impression?

MY RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1

QUESTION 2

Thinking about my parish and the Church in general

- a. How well do we show we are welcoming and accepting of everyone?
- b. How well do we support one another?
- c. How well do we make use of the gifts of each member?
- d. Do we encourage one another to share opinions and ideas? Is there a place to do so?
- e. How well do we respond to the needs of the wider community?

MY RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2

QUESTION 3

Thinking about your responses to the first two questions, what does it seem the Holy Spirit is asking us to notice?

- a. What might the Holy Spirit be calling us to do, or do differently, as we move into the future as Church?
- b. What initiatives are we called to work on or plan for?
- c. What are the steps might the Holy Spirit be calling us to take?

MY RESPONSE TO QUESTION 3

The information you provide in the following section will help us to determine who we are reaching in this Universal Synod.

1. In which part of the Archdiocese do you reside

___ Parkland ___ Westman ___ Interlake ___ Winnipeg North

___ Winnipeg Central (downtown, or west Winnipeg north of the Assiniboine) ___ Winnipeg South

2. Name of home community: _____

3. Name of home parish: _____

4. I am (check one):

Male

Female

5. I am (check one):

Single (never married)

Single (separated/divorced/annulled)

Married

Common-law

Widowed

6. I am (check one):

Under 18 years old

18-30 years old

31-50 years old

51-65 years old

Over 65 years old

7. I am (check all that apply):

A baptized Catholic

Baptized other Christian tradition or denomination

Ordained priest, permanent or transitional deacon

Member of a religious order

Spiritual but not associated with any faith tradition

Member of a non-Christian religious tradition

Former Catholic

Agnostic or Atheist

8. Which best describes your attendance at Mass (check one):

- I attend at least weekly
- I attend at least monthly
- I attend at Christmas, Easter, or on other special occasions
- I have not attended in more than a year, but intend to in the future
- I no longer attend and do not intend to attend in the future

9. Which best describes your participation in the parish? (check one)

- I am active in one or more ministries
- I volunteer on occasion
- I am no longer active due to age or infirmity
- I am presently not active due to work, children or other but would like to volunteer in the future
- I am not actively involved in my parish

Please bring this with you to a Listening Session in your community or return it to your local parish. Thank you for your participation!