

Synodal Pathway

One-to-one / informal group listening response form

Name of Listener

Date of Listening

Name of Parish or Community

Individual Group If a group, how many people

How would the participant(s) describe themselves;

1. Committed to Faith, Regular attendance at Mass and participates in community life
e.g. Member of pastoral council/ attends prayer group/reader/volunteer
2. Committed to Faith, Regular attendance at Mass
3. Faith & Church have some relevance. E.g. Occasional Attendance at Mass
4. Culturally Catholic but Church has little relevance
5. From a different Christian tradition
6. From a different faith community
7. Person of no faith

Please record key points from your conversations based on the questions below. As far as is possible, please use the words which were actually used by the speaker.

We're thinking particularly about the Catholic Church – and especially how the local Church journeys together, proclaiming the Gospel and showing love to the world.

1. What do you value about how the Church community journeys together and shows love to the world?

2. In what ways does the Church community fail to journey together and show love?

3. What particular issues in the Church and society does the Church need to pay more attention to? How could the Church build relationships, dialogue, learn from and journey with others on these issues?

How is our “journeying together” as the Church happening today in your parish/community? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

In responding to this question, you are invited to:

Recall your experiences:

A. What experiences of your local Church – including reflecting on the time of the pandemic – does this question call to mind?

Re-read these experiences in greater depth:

B. What has the experience taught us about what it means to be Church? “When we say ‘our Church’, who is part of it?” How does your particular Church ensure you are part of the ‘journey’? Who is missing?

C. What would you wish to celebrate about how your parish/community lives its mission?

D. What areas of mission are we neglecting?

Gather the fruits to share:

E What might the Holy Spirit be saying to us?

F. What steps might the Spirit be inviting us to take in order to make our communities more welcoming, inclusive and missionary?

Please send any replies to clarkefamily2004@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to listen and respond.

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