



LISTENING SESSION DISCUSSION GUIDE

Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church in which all members are called to participate. Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without judgment. All are invited to speak with courage and in freedom, truth, and charity.

PARTICIPATION IN LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Describe ways that you learned about being Catholic. (eg. Raised Catholic, went to Catholic school, RCIA/Convert, married a Catholic)
- How would you describe your relationship with the Catholic Church today? Has it changed over time? How? Would you call it fulfilling? Why or why not?
- Does your parish offer a spirit of welcome and inclusion to all in the community?
- Does prayer, Mass, the Sacraments, and other Church celebrations inspire and guide your life with the Church? Why or why not?
- Does your participation in your parish help to inspire important decisions in our life? Why or why not?
- What joy does the Church bring you now or in the past?
- What do you think is the mission of the Church? What areas of mission is the Church fulfilling? What areas need more attention? What areas are being neglected?

DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

- When you reflect on your parish community, is there diversity in dialogue that is representative of a wider community? Why or why not?
- Do you believe the Catholic church listens to the whole People of God? If so, how? If not, why not?
- What issues in the Church and community should be highlighted?
- What dialogue and collaboration does the Church have with believers of other religions and with those without religious affiliation?
- Do you feel there is space in your parish for the voice of all people, including those both active and inactive in their faith?
- Are you aware of tools and procedures that the Church uses to promote transparency and accountability?

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- How would you describe your relationship with God? Would you call it fulfilling? Why or why not?
- How do you think people can grow in their faith? What resources (books, clergy, retreats, services, etc.) are helpful to you?

JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS A CATHOLIC, FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY

- Where do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit? What are we being asked to do?
- How can a church community help form people to be more capable of walking together, listening to one another, fulfilling the mission, etc.?
- How do you think the Holy Spirit is inviting the Church community – both locally and universally – to grow together?