

Synodal Conversations

Note Taker Recorder Notes

Date: _____Location: _____

Fundamental Questions

A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together."

What are the strengths of the Church here in the Diocese of Derry?

What does this diocese need to do to ensure people are more engaged in finding the way forward for our church here?

Fundamental Questions Continued

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Where in these experiences do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit?

Core Question 1: Companions on the Journey

In our Church and parish, who is included?

Who is excluded?

Core Question 2: Listening

How is God speaking to us through the voices that are in our midst?

How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore, including those on the margins?

Core Question 2: Listening Continued

What space is there to listen to the voices on the margins, especially cultural groups, women, the disabled, those who experience poverty, marginalisation, or social exclusion?

What are the obstacles to listening?

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Core Question 3: Speaking Out

What enables or hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in your parish and society?

What space is there in your parish for the voice of people, including active and inactive members of our faith?

Core Question 4: Celebration

How do prayer and liturgical celebrations, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide you and your parish community?

How does the parish invite all baptised Catholics, including our ethnic communities, youth, families, and persons with disabilities and their families, into the active life of the parish, especially Sunday Mass?

Core Question 5: Sharing Responsibility For Our Common Mission

How are the baptised members of your parish able to participate in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel by their lived experience?

What hinders people from being active in your parish?

Core Question 6: Dialogue in Church and Society

To what extent and how do diverse peoples within our community come together?

To what issues does the Church need to pay particular attention?

Core Question 7: Ecumenism

What is our relationship with members of other Christian traditions?

What fruits have we drawn from sharing with them? What are the difficulties?

What are our experiences with dialogue and collaboration with those who have no religious affiliation?

Core Question 8: Authority and Participation

How could authority be better exercised in your parish?

In a time of diminishing numbers of clergy, how can the authority of one become the responsibility of the baptised?

Core Question 9: Discerning And Deciding

How are decisions taken in your parish or diocese?

How does your parish use the methods of listening and speaking (consultation) to make decisions?

Core Question 9: Discerning And Deciding Continued

How does your parish/and the Diocese of Derry promote participation in decision-making within the hierarchical and diocesan structures of the Church?

Does the decision-making methods of your parish help you to listen to all members of the community including those who are on the margins of parish life?

Core Question 10: Forming ourselves in Synodality

How does our Church community form/assist people to be more capable of 'walking together', listening to one another, participating in mission and engaging in dialogue?

What formation is offered to help us build a deeper relationship with Jesus?

From your small group sharing, name one insight where you heard the voice of the Holy Spirit today?

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