

QUESTIONS FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND DISCUSSION

*****Please choose at least one question under each of the sections (i.e., Communion, Participation, Mission) for discussion (edit/adapt questions, as desired). And, be sure to discuss both of the questions under, "Wrapping up". (Stress the importance of honesty.)*****

COMMUNION...

"God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God's call for his people."

1. What does the Eucharist mean to me? How can I help others come to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist?
(As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.)
2. How is it possible for me to have fruitful dialogue and collaboration with those of differing perspectives?
3. Do I feel like I belong in this parish community? Why or why not?

PARTICIPATION...

"A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another."

1. How do we as a Church listen well, and where do we fall short in hearing the voices of all who live in this area?
2. Do our decision-making methods allow us to listen to the People of God and the Holy Spirit? Are these methods employed with transparency?
3. What hinders me as a baptized Christian from being an active, missionary disciple?

MISSION...

*"The Church exists to evangelize.... Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family."
[From the "Handbook for the Synod"]*

1. What areas of Christ's mission are we neglecting?
2. How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
(Examples of liturgical celebrations include Mass, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, services, etc.)
3. What steps can be taken to grow closer to our fellow non-Catholic Christians?
(A missionary disciple is someone who has relationship with Jesus Christ and is actively leading others to Jesus Christ.)

WRAPPING IT UP...

1. How can we foster an approach to participation and leadership that is modelled on communion, participation and mission?
2. What signs have you seen in our community that we are fostering a life of "walking together," listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue — all the while paying attention to the movements of the Holy Spirit?
(Some examples of movements of the Holy Spirit include answered prayers, people choosing to change their lives and follow Christ, newfound curiosity of Jesus, etc.)

**"It is precisely
this path of
synodality
which God
expects of the
Church of the
third
millennium."**

POPE FRANCIS

