

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

This month, the Church kicked off a two-year global synod with the theme of “Communion, Participation, and Mission.” The goal is to use the feedback to enable the Pope to discover where the Holy Spirit is leading the church. We want your voice to be heard in this synod. Below are a number of questions that the Synod will be focusing on. Please answer as many as you can especially focusing on those that resonate with you. While we will take a handwritten submission for those that are uncomfortable with answering on-line, THE PREFERRED WAY OF SUBMITTING YOUR RESPONSE IS USING THE ONLINE FORM. You can use this document to help formulate your answers and then type them into the on-line form. A link to the on-line form is on the St. Teresa website at www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org. If you do answer the questions by hand, you can return them to the parish office or place them in the collection basket. However, you provide your feedback, we ask that you complete it by November 17th.

* Required

1. What best describes your connection to the Catholic Church *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Catholic, Practicing
- ☐ Catholic, Non-Practicing
- ☐ Non-Catholic

2. How has the Church (either universal, diocesan or parish) been important in your life?

3. How or why has the Church been an obstacle to the growth of your faith?

Companions on the Journey

4. Who is missing from our parish community? Why"

Called to Listen

5. How does God speak to us through the voices of those we sometimes ignore?

Sharing Responsibility for Our Common Mission

6. What is the mission of baptized Catholics? Personally? Communally?

Dialogue in Church and Society

7. How does your parish serve the needs of minorities, the poor, the sick, and those generally excluded from society?

Speaking Out

8. Do you feel you are able to speak up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in your parish community? Why or why not?

Celebration

9. How can we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?

10. What keeps most people, the majority if Catholics, from participating at Mass on a weekly basis?

Authority and Participation

11. How are the lay faithful invited to share their talents with the parish and surrounding community?

Understanding the Eucharist

12. What three things would you like to change in the celebration of the Mass?

13. What does the reception of Holy Communion mean to you?

14. Why do you come or not come to Mass?

Other Input

15. What would you most like to see change in your parish community?

16. If you could offer the Holy Father, Pope Francis, one bit of advice, what would it be?

17. Is there anything else you would like to offer?

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