

Please provide a brief summary of your parish's listening session for the Foundational Question:

A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together". How is this "journeying together" happening today in your parish? How is the Holy Spirit inviting your parish community to grow in "Journeying together"? Where in these experiences do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Some felt its not happening at the moment as we have a large community including multi nationalities where all are scattered .

-Most people do not come to the church regularly or live in faith

-The parish members who attend the church have an opportunity to celebrate holy mass, live adorations , confessions etc and coffee morning should help the people to know each other . but those people who do not come to the church are left out.

Its so sad to see those people are not attracted to the church and we are not doing enough to bring them to the faith.

The holy spirit is inviting us to make a relationship with Jesus and to grow in love and faith

one of us in the group thought that the best experience is being in the church means a lot " the best place to be..

The joyful moment is being with Jesus and the church gives an opportunity to be with Jesus.

Some of us in the group thought that the difficulties and the obstacles are unable to maintain a good relationship and the communication problems between the co coordinators and the parish members.

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Core Question 1 – 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 peripheries? What space is there to listen to the voices on the peripheries, especially cultural groups, women, the disabled, those who experience poverty, marginalisation, or social exclusion?

God speak to us during personal prayer, word of god, homily during the mass, family members and people around us and we meet and listen to in our daily lives.

God speak to us in different ways , it could be through some one who hurt us and we could hear Jesus saying " forgive and pray for them"

Every one in the group asked that what do we do to support people suffering from dementia and other illness and the people care for them.

What about poor, homeless, depressed and vulnerable groups?

Some people do it on an individual basis but not as a parish community .We should look in to it and thereby we could extend our hands to the needy which may help to open their hearts to the church and God.

"Faith with out work is dead" (James 2.26)

We should have a support group for children, parents and the people in needs
A prayer group or an intercession team is inevitable in the growth of church.

Core Question 2 – Speaking Out:

What enables or hinders you from speaking 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?

The way of communicating to the people were mentioned.

Some of us expressed that they are not aware of any available space to hear the voice of people not in active faith.

Parish council meetings were mentioned.
A suggestion box could be helpful.

Core Question 3 – Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission and Sharing Authority and participation

How are the baptised members of your parish able to participate in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel? What hinders people from being active in your parish? How is authority or governance exercised in your local parish? How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice in your local parish?

So far nothing much happened in proclaiming the Gospel. Some of us in the group mentioned that they consciously bring the topic of their faith with their colleagues at work. For example , "Sunday I will be going to the church "or "Jesus will take care of it "etc... One of us in the group said that proclaiming the Gospel by following Jesus or practicing the word of god in our daily lives are very important.

Probably the responsibilities and pressures of the day to day life must be preventing us from being active in the church , Doing too much by the people who are active and committed is not encouraging as they struggle to find the balance with in the family life and the church.

There are not many to come forward to be active in the church than attending the Sunday mass or other available services. An awareness programme might be useful .

Most of us do not know how to proclaim the Gospel to the people who are not in faith and we are not trained to do so .

The introduction of Evangelical Catholic Reach Ministry in our parish is very exciting since it proves that the holy spirit is active in our parish.

Core Question 4 – Discerning and Deciding

How does your parish use the methods of listening and speaking (consultation) to make decisions? How does your parish promote participation in decision making within the hierarchical Church? Does the decision making of your parish help you to listen to all members of the community, including those who are on the peripheries of parish life?

Parish council meetings, announcements after the Sunday mass ,news letter and parish website,

Core Question 5 – Celebration

How do prayer and liturgical celebrations, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide your parish? How does your prayer life and celebration of the Mass inspire and inform your personal decisions and decisions in the 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?

The Sunday mass and other liturgical celebrations help us to gather as a one group in the name of Jesus under the church and receive the grace to make this journey possible.

This is the best way of giving thanks to God

The best way of submitting our prayers and give away all our worries to God ,

We listen to the voice of God which enable us to make decisions in our personal and parish lives.

The children who attended the first holy communion have an opportunity in alter services, Marian service organised by the Pilipino and Keralite communities, Epiphany celebrations bible studies and more to come.
