

## **SYNTHESIS OF THE PARISH SYNOD CONSULTATION SESSION**

**PARISH NAME:** Holy Family **PARISH CITY:** Shell Knob, Missouri

**How many consultation sessions were held at the parish?** 1

**On what date(s) was the session held?** May 3, 2022

**About how many participants attended?** 18

**How were invitations issued?** By bulletin announcements, pulpit, prayer for synod at every Mass, Word of Mouth and personal invitation, reminders at Church socials.

**How did you invite and connect with those at risk of being excluded or those on the peripheries?**  
Word of mouth, personal invitation,

**Were there any groups of people whose participation was especially noteworthy and why?**  
There was good participation among the Tuesday study group.

**Were there specific groups of people who did not participate and why (if known) did they not participate?** Unknown, one person attended but did not want to verbalize.

**Through the consultation session, what were some of the positive descriptions of how the Church is journeying with people to “grow in holiness”?**

Bible study, parish activities, community activities, workshops, sharing gifts, accountability, parish groups (PCCW, Men’s Club, K of C and ladies auxiliary, parish council. Adoration, rcia, visit homebound, Lenten service and dinner, penance service and dinner, literature on the faith,

**What were some of the challenges, disappointments, or frustrations conveyed, in describing how the Church journeys together to “grow in holiness”?**

Taking our religion for granted, judging others, sharing our priest with a second community (time limitations), finding new ways to welcome visitors, new members and visitors feeling welcome, driving after dark, knowing stand on issues in our society, visitation to the homebound, ignoring some of the sick and homebound in our parish, communication with those who cannot come to Mass.

**What were some of the positive descriptions of how the Church is “forming intentional disciples”?**

We provide a welcome packets to newcomers, refreshments after Mass, Workshops for Liturgical ministries, name tags, invite priest to dinner to share time and meal. We have a campaign for parishioners to wear nametags in the summer for benefit of visitors.

**What were some of the challenges, disappointments, or frustrations conveyed, in describing how the Church journeys together to “form intentional disciples”?**

Invite more people to help with Mass and projects at church.

People left hungry for interaction, restarting activities canceled due to Covid. Driving after dark or during bad weather. Parishioners who arrive early for Mass need to be welcomed. Desire to know more on Church stand on social issues.

**What were some of the positive descriptions of how the Church is responding to the commission of: “being sent forth to witness”?**

Community involvement through, Alliance of Churches, Food pantry, share your Christmas, Christmas Concert, Thrifty closet, food bank, Valentine's lunch, assist with commodities, KC's fish fry and spaghetti dinners for charitable projects, Assist with Camp Re-new-all, Homebound ministry, Acts of kindness every day for someone. Special Olympics, community Garden with other churches, Lenten soup dinners, mother's house in Haiti, “shoebox for soldiers,” KC- coats for kids, KC tootsie roll campaign for handicapped. Presence of a community Cross is a witness in our community. Kids across America camp.

**What were some of the challenges, disappointments, or frustrations conveyed, in describing how the Church is responding to the commission of: “being sent forth to witness”?**

Regulations can sometimes prevent us from engaging in projects. Not enough attendance at parish retreats. Restart activities like the mission that we haven't had since Covid. How to engage families who live far from the parish. There is a large population of people in need in our community. Seniors in need of company. Making contact with our homebound.

During the overall consultation process, what dispositions, attitudes, or feeling were notable? What tensions or disagreements emerged from the listening process? What was significant, surprising or unexpected during the consultation session? What new perspectives or horizons opened up? What were the fruits that the Holy Spirit brought about through this experience?

Parishioners want to be met where they are, no judgments, no one knows everyone else's story. Those present were willing to participate in the process.

**What did participants have to say about areas where the Church or your parish is in need of healing and conversion in its spiritual life, culture, attitudes, structures, pastoral practices, relationships, and missionary outreach?**

Parishioners want to be met where they are, no judgments.

Participants expressed disappointment in not having the full Triduum in both parishes.

We need to be an example of a good Catholic in everyday life.

**What dreams, desires, and aspirations for the church were expressed by participants?**

To continue having our local church. More participation in Mass, choir, activities.

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Desire to live closer to activities. Sharing of gifts, talents , workshops on talent, time and treasure.

Sharing of a variety of speakers and opportunities for our congregation.