

SYNTHESIS OF THE PARISH SYNOD CONSULTATION SESSION

Parish Name: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish

Parish City: New Madrid, MO

On what date(s) was the session held? February 20, February 27, March 7

About how many participants attended? 103

How were invitations issued? Pulpit announcements, Bulletin announcements

How did you invite and connect with those at risk of being excluded or those on the peripheries?
Were there any groups of people whose participation was especially noteworthy and why?
Discussions in addition to one on one engagements.

Were there specific groups of people who did not participate, and why (if known) did they not participate? N/A

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

1. Prayer Chains
2. Parish retreats, Days of Recollection, Children Masses where the children participate in the Mass.

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

1. Not enough weekday evening Masses.
2. Have more meetings of spirituality

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

1. We gather bi-monthly at the Church to pray the Holy Rosary and livestreaming the event for those praying at home.
2. Using Social Media, such as our Facebook page, to reach out to people we may not normally encounter

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

1. Our church needs a social hall. There are not enough fellowship activities occurring in this parish.
2. Regardless of the faith, we need to reach out more to those in crisis.

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

1. Continue making house calls and personal visits to the sick, elderly, and anyone in crisis.
2. Using our new electronic sign to invite and welcome all new members and visitors to our church.

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”** ?

1. Without a social hall, it's difficult to invite the community to events that promote fellowship.
2. Being able to convince former parishioners to return to Mass, no matter what has kept them away.

During the overall consultation process, what dispositions, attitudes, or feelings 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?

1. The parishioners' desire for more fellowship activities, which can only occur if we pursue the construction of a social hall.
2. Have a rotating group of parishioners send handwritten notes on behalf of the Church. This is not something we had considered, but appears to be a great suggestion and one we will look into.

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?

1. The need to reach more inactive members, especially divorcees.

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

1. A social hall is needed for the parish to engage in more fellowship activities for the community.