

## **Synod on Synodality: St. Ann Catholic Church, Malden, MO, April 21, 2022**

### **GROWING IN HOLINESS**

- Our parish community has the opportunity to worship together on Sundays, Holy Days, and Thursdays. A Holy Hour is offered once a month and rosary is said before Mass during May and October. A Catholic or inspirational movie is offered several times a year.
- Since we are such a small parish, missions and other presentations are usually held in the neighboring parish of St. Teresa in Glennonville. Many of our older parishioners do not drive in the dark any more, but rides will be offered to those who need transportation.
- Parishioners need to be encouraged to grow in holiness by taking advantage of Cursillo and be active in the Diocesan/Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Potluck dinners could be followed by a religious activity.

### **FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES**

The church provides the diocesan newspaper as a means of instruction. The parish community must set a good example by being enthusiastic and joyful about their own faith and willing to share the faith.

- Those who serve as lectors, extraordinary ministers, musician, etc. need to invite others to become active in these ministries. Sometimes an invitation is all it takes. However, some parishioners choose to be anonymous.
- No suggestions were given on how the Church could more effectively form intentional disciples.

### **BEING SENT TO WITNESS**

- After consulting with Malden's Ministerial Alliance, St. Ann initiated and planned a Christmas Church Tour. Seven area churches participated. St. Ann hopes to continue the tradition of our priest speaking to Malden High School athletes upon the invitation of a Malden coach. Our priest has also led the prayer at a city council meeting.
- St. Ann helps those in need by donating items to Birthright, collecting nonperishable food items to be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance, and conducting a drive for hygiene items to help stock the Wellness Closet at the local high school.
- We can send encouraging notes to those who don't attend church anymore. We need to call and visit those who are homebound or in nursing homes, pray with them and take communion to them.
- To keep in touch with our college students and to remind them to keep the faith, St. Ann periodically sends packages including prayer cards, other items, and gift cards.

# Process for Facilitating Synodal Consultations

## Appendix 3 - Synthesis of the Parish Synod Consultation Session

PARISH NAME: St Ann PARISH CITY: Malden

How many consultation sessions were held at the parish? 1

On what date(s) was the session held? 4-21-22

About how many participants attended? 10

How were invitations issued? Post Cards

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?

We sent postcards to those on our Parish Roster & Spread by word of mouth

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

Not Sure

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

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

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

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

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

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**”?

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?

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?

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