

## SYNTHESIS OF THE PARISH SYNOD CONSULTATION SESSION

PARISH NAME: St. Patrick PARISH CITY: Greenfield

How many consultation sessions were held at the parish? 1

On what date(s) was the session held? May 14, 2022

About how many participants attended? 17

How were invitations issued?  Invitations were mailed  
It was in bulletin for several weeks  
In-person invites also

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?  
Sent out invitations

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

Some of our elderly because of sickness or transportation

They could have had rides but were afraid still because of COVID. This only amounted to 3 people.

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

1. Adult Formation/Education - Resource Library, Bishop Baron Training, Bulletin inserts, online
2. Ask/Pray for those that are sick - Family orientated - Look after each other
3. Hospitality
4. Priest visit before and after Mass

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

1. Larger parishes can not tell who is missing. Lack of friendliness in larger parishes and not even knowing your name.

There is a division between those who want tradition and those who want to continue to modernize.

What were some of the positive descriptions of how the Church is "forming intentional disciples"?

1. Extraordinary rite
2. Cultural upbringing. Family Oriented. Churches have large attendance.
3. Lead by Example

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

1. Retirement Community - fixed income
2. Children are grown and moved away
3. The young want to be entertained
4. The church has become tolerant *and not forgiving*
5. Need a stronger foundation

*Many young families are flocking to traditional churches - as in the Latin Mass etc.*

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

1. Hospice Chaplin
2. Ministerial Alliance - Community Presence / Promoted Food Banks / Volunteer

*The majority of the people here do not want to go door to door.*

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. Stereotyped
2. Mission is to help, not preach

*3. The majority here don't want to change anything.*

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?

1. Back to Basics
2. Catechism needs to start at home with the parents, then the church to further growth in faith
3. Need a church that moves the world
4. The younger generation is looking for monetary wealth / physical possession
5. Tithing

*6. About 5 people mentioned that <sup>many</sup> young families want tradition & one way to possibly attract young people to our church.*

*7. Disagreements (slight) over what Vatican II actually said.*

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. Counter-Cultural church
2. Vatican II - participation of the laity and reiteration of that.
3. Get the family unit back together. Not everyman for himself.

4 Priests should wear black clerics for Mass  
Reg. Scheduled Confession - not have to hunt priest

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

1. Plant a Seed - fertilize, water, prune and grow

Seeing the Church go back to the reverence and holiness it once had.