

INSIGHT 1

First Theme

- How is this “journeying together” happening today in our parish?
- Where in these experiences do you hear the Holy Spirit inviting growth?

First Insight

Journeying together is happening through:

- Parish programs, such as Bible Studies, visibility of RCIA, Families Forming Disciples
- Parish ministries, such as Caregivers, SVdP, Liturgical ministries, Women’s Circles, KoC
- Major liturgical celebrations throughout the year, such as the Triduum

Areas for growth include:

- Promoting and encouraging our parish programs better
- Providing more opportunities for youth
- Inviting more younger families to get involved (provide child care)
- Attending to the challenge of getting more parishioners involved

INSIGHT 2

Second Theme

- How is God speaking to us through the voices that are in our midst, including those on the peripheries (the poor, the marginalized, socially excluded, disaffiliated, etc.)?
- What space does our parish/community provide for listening and sharing (speaking freely) among all members as well as those not regularly connected to our community?

Second Insight

God is speaking to us through the voices in our midst when parishioners serve the poor and marginalized through our different ministries. Examples are:

- SVdP
- Martha’s Closet
- Prison ministry
- Ongoing aid to New Orleans

We need to do a better job of providing parish/community a space for being heard:

- Does the poor have a voice in our parish?
- Provide more hospitality, especially to new members
- Provide avenues/vehicles for voices to be heard

INSIGHT 3

Third Theme

- What enables or hinders you from witnessing and speaking up courageously and responsibly in our parish and in society?
- What obstacles to active discipleship and participation do you see in our parish?

Third Insight

What enables witnessing in our parish and society?

- Knowledge of our faith and scripture
- Grace of the sacraments
- Bible Studies give confidence to speak about our faith
- Respect Life activities give opportunities to witness our beliefs

What hinders witnessing?

- Priest scandal
- Feeling of rejection / cancel culture
- Lack of tolerance in society

What obstacles are in our parish?

- Lack of awareness of opportunities to disciple or participate
- “Rules” prevent participation or volunteering for some people
- Need a vehicle to express concerns and/or new ideas

INSIGHT 4

Fourth Theme

- How do prayer and liturgical celebrations, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide our parish in our shared life and mission?
- How do we encourage the active participation of all the faithful in prayer, the liturgy, and the sacraments?

Fourth Insight

What inspires and guides our parish?

- Father’s homilies inspire and instruct
- Reception of Eucharist and attendance at Adoration
- Streaming of Mass was a lifeline during COVID

What encourages participation in prayer, liturgy and sacraments?

- Father encourages all of these.
- Environment is conducive to prayer and liturgy

What else could be inspiring and encouraging?

- Have sacraments during Mass
- Sing more familiar hymns
- Continue to educate adults

INSIGHT 5

Fifth Theme

- Name one insight where you heard the voice of the Holy Spirit today OR
- Share one insight that is on your heart.

Fifth Insight

The various insights and questions that arose in people's hearts are:

- How do we reach the people who have left the Catholic faith?
- How do we attract the young people to our faith?
- We need to take individual responsibility to invite people to church.
- Within our parish, how do we bring together the young, the senior citizens and the Hispanic groups?
- Evangelize through actions...
- Be more inclusive, less exclusive.