

## **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.