

Synod Survey Results as of January 24, 2022

Select the response that best describes you:

126 [78.3%]: I am a lifetime Catholic

20 [12.4%]: I am a revert Catholic (baptized Catholic who left the faith and have returned)

15 [9.3%]: I am a convert to Catholicism

161 Answered 0 Skipped

Your Parish:

161 [100.0%]: St. Francis of Assisi Church - Fairfield Glade

161 Answered 0 Skipped

Catholic School (if applicable):

34 [100.0%]: I am not a student, teacher or school administrator in a Catholic school

34 Answered 127 Skipped

Age:

92 [58.2%]: 61 - 75

58 [36.7%]: 76 - 90

5 [3.2%]: 46 - 60

2 [1.3%]: 90+

1 [0.6%]: 30 - 45

158 Answered 3 Skipped

Gender:

102 [65.0%]: Female

55 [35.0%]: Male

157 Answered 4 Skipped

Marital Status:

122 [79.2%]: Married

24 [15.6%]: Single

7 [4.5%]: Divorced

1 [0.6%]: Living with a partner

154 Answered 7 Skipped

Which of the following best describes you?:

150 [96.2%]: White or Caucasian

2 [1.3%]: Multiracial or Biracial

2 [1.3%]: Asian or Pacific Islander

1 [0.6%]: A race/ethnicity not listed here

1 [0.6%]: Hispanic or Latino

156 Answered 5 Skipped

1) "Journeying together" occurs in two deeply interconnected ways. First, we journey together with one another as the People of God. Next, we journey together as the People of God with the entire human family. These two perspectives enrich one another and are helpful for our common discernment towards deeper communion and a more fruitful mission.:

139 [86.9%]: Agree

17 [10.6%]: Unsure

4 [2.5%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

2) Our parish has many groups and activities that allow parishioners and newcomers to feel welcome and involved in a community of faith.:

143 [88.8%]: Agree

10 [6.2%]: Unsure

8 [5.0%]: Disagree

161 Answered 0 Skipped

3) Does the Catholic Church include ways to reach and attract people in the following groups? {You can select multiple answers}:

90 [19.8%]: Widows / widowers

88 [19.3%]: Elderly

66 [14.5%]: Youth

58 [12.7%]: Young adults

57 [12.5%]: Singles

50 [11.0%]: Members of minority communities

46 [10.1%]: Divorced

455 Answered 39 Skipped

4) Our parish has specific ways to reach out to those who are not active or have become less active in our parish.:

70 [43.8%]: Agree

61 [38.1%]: Unsure

29 [18.1%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

5) What groups or individuals, if any, do you believe the local church leaves on the margins? {You can select multiple answers}:

- 53 [15.5%]: LGBTQ+
- 52 [15.2%]: The Church leaves no one on the margins
- 32 [9.3%]: Individuals experiencing homelessness
- 30 [8.7%]: Youth and young adults
- 27 [7.9%]: Single fathers
- 26 [7.6%]: Undocumented immigrants
- 25 [7.3%]: Unemployed individuals
- 25 [7.3%]: Single mothers
- 22 [6.4%]: Homebound individuals
- 21 [6.1%]: Individuals with physical, intellectual, and mental disabilities
- 18 [5.2%]: Widows/Widowers
- 12 [3.5%]: Seniors

343 Answered 22 Skipped

6) Does the local church go outside of its property to provide outreach to the marginalized?:

- 79 [49.7%]: Yes
- 46 [28.9%]: Sometimes
- 28 [17.6%]: Unsure
- 6 [3.8%]: No

159 Answered 2 Skipped

7) At our parish, people are aware of their baptismal call to reach out in faith to evangelize in their everyday lives as Jesus did.:

- 111 [69.4%]: Agree
- 29 [18.1%]: Unsure
- 20 [12.5%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

8) Our parish, along with the Diocese, alerts members to possibilities for dialogue by respectful listening and sharing of ideas and values that have to do with race, religion, human rights, immigration, the economy, conflict resolution and the environment.:

- 76 [47.8%]: Agree
- 50 [31.4%]: Unsure
- 33 [20.8%]: Disagree

159 Answered 2 Skipped

9) The local church listens to women, youth and young adults regarding their ideas and concerns.:

- 89 [57.4%]: Agree
- 48 [31.0%]: Unsure
- 18 [11.6%]: Disagree

155 Answered 6 Skipped

10) Cultural differences, foreign languages, and political ideologies limit our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own.:

91 [56.9%]: Agree

37 [23.1%]: Disagree

32 [20.0%]: Unsure

160 Answered 1 Skipped

11) The body of revealed truth in the Scriptures and Tradition, which the Catholic Church cannot change, Catholic Church Doctrine and the Catechism of the Catholic Church limits a Catholic's ability to listen to those who have different views than our own.:

98 [61.6%]: Disagree

34 [21.4%]: Agree

27 [17.0%]: Unsure

159 Answered 2 Skipped

12) With regards to speaking out in the local church, I am able to speak my thoughts with courage, freedom, truth, and love.:

100 [62.5%]: Agree

32 [20.0%]: Unsure

28 [17.5%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

13) Our parish encourages members to become involved in conversation and special civic projects with members of other faith communities to support interfaith relations and to maximize cooperation on causes to support the common good.:

129 [81.6%]: Agree

16 [10.1%]: Unsure

13 [8.2%]: Disagree

158 Answered 3 Skipped

14) With regard to liturgical celebrations, I attend Mass: {You can select multiple answers}:

127 [65.5%]: Every Sunday (including Saturday Vigil)

46 [23.7%]: Daily

19 [9.8%]: Other (1-3 times a month)

1 [0.5%]: I never attend Mass

1 [0.5%]: Only on Christmas and Easter

194 Answered 1 Skipped

15) The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus (not a symbolic representation of Jesus' Body and Blood).:

154 [96.3%]: Agree

4 [2.5%]: Disagree

2 [1.3%]: Unsure

160 Answered 1 Skipped

16) For me personally, the Eucharist is the source and summit of my Catholic Life.:

141 [88.7%]: Agree

11 [6.9%]: Unsure

7 [4.4%]: Disagree

159 Answered 2 Skipped

17) What elements of the Mass are the most important to you? {You can select multiple answers}:

153 [30.3%]: Eucharist

119 [23.6%]: Gathering and praying together as a faith community

97 [19.2%]: Homily

73 [14.5%]: Music

63 [12.5%]: Silence

505 Answered 0 Skipped

18) Our parish offers vibrant liturgies and encourages parishioners to serve in a variety of liturgical ministries such as lectors, acolytes, musicians, cantors and choirs, ushers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.:

148 [93.7%]: Agree

5 [3.2%]: Disagree

5 [3.2%]: Unsure

158 Answered 3 Skipped

19) Mass should be celebrated in the vernacular (local language).:

114 [71.3%]: Agree

41 [25.6%]: Disagree - Those who prefer the Traditional Latin Mass should be afforded the opportunity to do so

5 [3.1%]: Unsure

160 Answered 1 Skipped

20) In our parish, we have learned how to gather input from parishioners and to help build consensus so that decisions about scheduling, projects, parish activities, and local priorities are not simply seen as “top-down” decisions.:

99 [61.9%]: Agree

38 [23.8%]: Unsure

23 [14.4%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

21) Clericalism arises from an elitist and exclusivist vision - which interprets the ordained ministry received as a power to be exercised rather than as a free and generous service to be given.:

56 [36.4%]: Agree

50 [32.5%]: Disagree

48 [31.2%]: Unsure

154 Answered 7 Skipped

22) - One or more of the priests at my parish exhibits signs of clericalism.:

111 [71.2%]: Disagree

28 [17.9%]: Unsure

17 [10.9%]: Agree

156 Answered 5 Skipped

23) In our parish, we feel we are consulted in diocesan decisions to seek new ways to involve parishioners, to seek assistance and ideas from beyond our local community so that people have a real sense of ownership in what happens to them.:

67 [42.1%]: Agree

52 [32.7%]: Unsure

40 [25.2%]: Disagree

159 Answered 2 Skipped

24) Do you believe the Church has handled the sexual abuse crisis appropriately?:

68 [42.5%]: No

62 [38.8%]: Sometimes

15 [9.4%]: Yes

15 [9.4%]: Unsure

160 Answered 1 Skipped

25) Has the sexual abuse scandal in the church caused you to stop practicing your faith?:

159 [99.4%]: No

1 [0.6%]: Yes

160 Answered 1 Skipped

26) Does your parish provide faith based activities and programs that inspire our youth to be involved with the church?:

72 [48.6%]: Unsure

34 [23.0%]: No

24 [16.2%]: Yes

18 [12.2%]: Sometimes

148 Answered 13 Skipped

27) In my parish, clergy and parish pastoral council leaders seem open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, welcome it when parishioners come forth with ideas that seem Spirit-led, and find means to engage other members of the faith community in consideration and deliberation through communal discernment.:

98 [62.0%]: Agree

46 [29.1%]: Unsure

14 [8.9%]: Disagree

158 Answered 3 Skipped

28) Members of our parish are open to appropriate change and are committed to on-going formation, not only personal but communal. Parishioners have a sense that their voice and their participation make a difference, and many are eager to be even more involved.:

86 [55.1%]: Agree

41 [26.3%]: Unsure

29 [18.6%]: Disagree

156 Answered 5 Skipped

29) I believe it is the church's mission to receive and welcome with love and respect human persons from outside the United States.:

118 [76.1%]: Agree

27 [17.4%]: Unsure

10 [6.5%]: Disagree

155 Answered 6 Skipped

30) Immigrants should be allowed to come to the USA for: {You can select multiple answers}:

138 [31.9%]: Should only be allowed to enter/remain if they comply with the laws of the USA

76 [17.6%]: Fleeing war/persecution/national disaster

71 [16.4%]: Study

69 [16.0%]: Work

60 [13.9%]: Reunification of family

18 [4.2%]: Other reasons

432 Answered 1 Skipped

31) Unaccompanied minors, children who have grown up in the states regardless of their immigrations status, and persons arriving as a result of trafficking, should be allowed to remain in the US and pursue a pathway to citizenship.:

81 [50.9%]: Agree

44 [27.7%]: Disagree

34 [21.4%]: Unsure

159 Answered 2 Skipped

32) Does the local church actively promote the care of the environment?:

59 [36.9%]: Unsure

50 [31.3%]: Yes

33 [20.6%]: Sometimes

18 [11.3%]: No

160 Answered 1 Skipped

33) In certain circumstances or certain parts of the world - where celibate men are in very short supply and access to Mass is extremely limited - the ordination of married men should be considered.:

111 [69.4%]: Agree

25 [15.6%]: Unsure

24 [15.0%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

34) The presence and the role of women in the life and mission of the Church, although not linked to the ministerial priesthood, remains absolutely necessary and irreplaceable.:

155 [96.9%]: Agree

3 [1.9%]: Unsure

2 [1.3%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

35) Pope Francis has revealed that the commission he set up to examine the role of women in the early church did not reach agreement on the question of women deacons. He said the members of the commission had quite different positions, and after two years, it concluded its advisory role.:

99 [62.3%]: I am in favor of women being ordained deacons

43 [27.0%]: I am not in favor of women being ordained deacons

17 [10.7%]: Unsure

159 Answered 2 Skipped

36) God created sex to be enjoyed within the boundaries of a covenant relationship between one man and one woman in marriage.:

135 [84.9%]: Agree

14 [8.8%]: Unsure

10 [6.3%]: Disagree

159 Answered 2 Skipped

37) Cohabitation refers to the practice of a man and a woman living together without being married. Some reasons couples partake in cohabitation include: {You can select multiple answers}:

72 [22.9%]: Save money (share costs)

56 [17.8%]: I do not believe a couple should ever cohabit prior to marriage, regardless of the practical reasons for doing so

48 [15.3%]: I disagree with the aforementioned answers as I don't believe anyone should have to justify why they are living together

41 [13.1%]: It gives the couple a better idea of how responsibilities will be shared once married

36 [11.5%]: It gives the couple a realistic idea of what married life will be like

35 [11.1%]: I agree with the aforementioned answers, but agree with the Church that a cohabitating couple should refrain from pre-marital sex

26 [8.3%]: It serves as proof that the couple is committed to a life-long marriage

314 Answered 8 Skipped

38) Marriage, as instituted by God, is a faithful, exclusive, lifelong union of one man and one woman joined in an intimate community of life and love.:

142 [88.8%]: Agree

9 [5.6%]: Disagree

9 [5.6%]: Unsure

160 Answered 1 Skipped

39) Same-sex unions contradict the nature of marriage.:

120 [75.5%]: Agree
26 [16.4%]: Unsure
13 [8.2%]: Disagree

159 Answered 2 Skipped

40) The Church makes a distinction between homosexual feelings and homosexual acts. 1. Men and women with homosexual tendencies must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. 2. Homosexual acts are acts of grave depravity, intrinsically disordered and are contrary to the natural law.:

72 [46.2%]: Agree with both number 1 and 2 above
64 [41.0%]: Agree with number 1 above, but not number 2 above
20 [12.8%]: Other

156 Answered 5 Skipped

41) Catholic married couples should not use contraception in any form, because it seeks to prevent one of the primary purposes of the conjugal act (sexual intercourse) within the marriage relationship.:

112 [70.0%]: Disagree
30 [18.8%]: Agree
18 [11.3%]: Unsure

160 Answered 1 Skipped

42) In vitro fertilization (IVF) should be allowed for Catholic couples who experience infertility.:

115 [71.9%]: Agree
25 [15.6%]: Unsure
20 [12.5%]: Disagree

160 Answered 1 Skipped

43) Human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception and must be recognized as having the rights of a person.:

149 [92.5%]: Agree
7 [4.3%]: Disagree
5 [3.1%]: Unsure

161 Answered 0 Skipped

44) The embryo is a person. It must be defended in its integrity and tended and cared for in the same way as any other human being.:

147 [92.5%]: Agree
8 [5.0%]: Disagree
4 [2.5%]: Unsure

159 Answered 2 Skipped

45) Nothing and no one can in any way permit the killing of an innocent human being, whether a fetus or an embryo, an infant or an adult, an old person, or one suffering from an incurable disease, or a person who is dying (Euthanasia).:

128 [81.0%]: Agree

19 [12.0%]: Unsure

11 [7.0%]: Disagree

158 Answered 3 Skipped

46) The death penalty is an acceptable form of punishment.:

63 [39.9%]: Disagree

48 [30.4%]: Sometimes

32 [20.3%]: Agree

15 [9.5%]: Unsure

158 Answered 3 Skipped