



HOW DO CATHOLICS 'JOURNEY TOGETHER'? HOW MIGHT WE DO IT BETTER?

- 1. OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER** Jesus wants us to walk together, side by side.
 - Who do you feel is included / welcome on the church's local journey?
 - Who is not included or welcomed?
- 2. OUR LISTENING** Listening is the first step - it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.
 - Who do we need to listen to more? (Consider – women, young people, lay people, those on the margins of society, minority groups, the socially discarded and excluded.)
 - What stops us from listening more carefully?
- 3. OUR SPEAKING UP** Everyone is invited to speak boldly and courageously in freedom, truth, and love.
 - How do we say what is important to us as Catholics?
 - What helps or hinders our public visibility?
- 4. GATHERING** For Catholics, 'togetherness' is based on gathering to explore the Gospels (Word) and to break bread (Eucharist).
 - How does our gathering for prayer (including Mass) meet people's needs?
 - How do they fail to meet people's needs?
- 5. OUR MISSION** Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News.
 - How exactly do we as Church members spread the Good News of Jesus Christ?
 - What stops us from being active in mission?
- 6. OUR CONVERSATION** Genuine conversation requires perseverance and patience but leads to understanding.
 - Good conversation (dialogue) leads to collaboration – how, and how well, do we collaborate as Catholics in our local community?
 - In what ways could we dialogue and collaborate better with others in society (e.g. in politics, economics, culture, civil society, and those who live in poverty?)
- 7. WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS** Walking with other Christians is essential to our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
 - What do we share and how do we journey with Christians from other churches (denominations)?
 - Why don't we do more together?
- 8. SHARING RESPONSIBILITY** Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility.
 - How could we balance these better?
 - How do we encourage lay involvement, participation and leadership?
- 9. OUR DECISION-MAKING** Our aim is to make decisions by discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community.
 - What methods or processes do Catholic communities use to include people in discernment and decision-making?
 - What do you think we should do to improve our efforts in this?
- 10. LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER** All of us need to be open to change and ongoing learning.
 - How do we as a Catholic community form our people to listen, participate and be open to change?
 - Have you found Church leaders to be willing to listen, participate and remain open to new ways?

Please remember that the fundamental question is |

How does the Church "journeying together" happen today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

These questions are provided to help unpack this question. You do not have to use all or any of them in preparing your response.