

The template below is provided to assist you while synthesizing the feedback gathered during your listening session

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CONTEXT While not all participants may have disclosed their demographic information, please provide as much information about your listening sessions as you are able.

Date(s), Time(s), and Duration(s) of Listening Sessions

March 20, 2022. 2:00 PM

Parish(es) or Non-parish Community that Participated

St Cyril of Jerusalem

Total Number of Participants (required)
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Additional information about the context of the listening sessions or the people that were gathered - "the attitudes of the participants, and the joys and challenges of engaging together in discernment" :

All were eager and willing to participate and share their thoughts.

ADDITIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (response for each not required)

Number of Participants

Ages 14-17:	8	Ages 18-25:	-0-	Ages 26-39:	-0-
Ages 40-55:	4	Ages 56-74:	8	Ages 75+:	5

Number of Participants

Female:	15	Male:	10
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Number of Participants that identify as

Asian:	1	Black or African-American:	2	Caucasian:	16
Hispanic or Latino:	8	Native American:	-0-	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander:	-0-
Other:	N/A				

Number of Participants that describe themselves as

Active Catholic since birth:	21	Inactive Catholic:	1	Catholic convert:	-0-
Returned Catholic:	3	Non-Catholic:	-0-		

Number of Participants that attend Mass

Never or Rarely:	1	A few times a year:	-0-	Once or twice a month:	3
Almost every week:	4	Every week:	11	More than once a week:	6

BOX A Summarize the highlights and common themes regarding "**Speaking and Listening**"

- Many stated they believe that women should have a larger role in the Church, e.g. as deacons or clergy. They don't see women's roles as being valued.
- People are searching for what the Lord is asking of us in our lives. They wish to pray for the Grace to understand more clearly.
- Parish administration should be more flexible in working with and allowing new ministries, such as homeless outreach, ethnic, and service ministries, Parish League, and Youth ministries, in order to promote participation.

BOX B Summarize any points of view that *varied* from the majority of comments on "**Speaking and Listening**"

- The church should become more flexible to allow Communion for all who desire.

BOX C Summarize the highlights and common themes regarding "**Celebrating**"

- There should be more emphasis to encourage prayer to ignite the spirit to encourage families, young people, and those disaffected to join parish communities.
- Parishes should encourage more diverse groups to become active within the parish and schools. These may include ethnic groups, LGBTQ+, abortion survivors, and divorced individuals who may feel removed.
- Jesus is hope. The Church is Hope. A strong feeling.

BOX D Summarize any points of view that *varied* from the majority of comments on **"Celebrating"**

- Covid separated us and we must overcome the restrictions.
 - We need to work to find common goals with the community around us to make an impact and to inspire those to come within.
- We need to celebrate with more events to increase participation.

BOX E Summarize the highlights and common themes regarding **"Going on Mission"**

- We should encourage a deeper emphasis on service within the Parish and in the surrounding community, to set an example as Christians.
- The Youth group is looking for larger forums to discuss their faith with other young people.
- The Gospel gives comfort to all in these hard & challenging times.
- The Youth group felt more connected with each other as they shared their journey through the Sacraments.

BOX F Summarize any points of view that *varied* from the majority of comments on **"Going on Mission"**

- Covid was very disruptive and we look forward to getting back on track.
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BOX G Summarize the highlights and common themes regarding **"Dialoguing"**

- We need to bring together different groups (age, ethnicity, school & Parish) to discuss common goals.
- Learn more about outside and disaffected Catholic groups to find common ground & participation (e.g. divorced, LGBTQ, abortion survivors).
- Seek more ways in which the community can be more flexible with forgiveness.
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BOX H Summarize any points of view that *varied* from the majority of comments on **"Dialoguing"**

- A more strict emphasis on prayer, discipline, and confession in the Sacraments.
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BOX I Summarize the highlights and common themes regarding "**Discerning and Deciding**"

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BOX J Summarize any points of view that *varied* from the majority of comments on "**Discerning and Deciding**"

- N/A
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BOX K Summarize the highlights and common themes regarding "**Growing in Synodality**"

- Most enjoyed the process and felt it was liberating.
- Many had expressed a hope for larger attendance and participation.
- It was good to share our thoughts and hopes.
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BOX L Summarize any points of view that *varied* from the majority of comments on "**Growing in Synodality**"

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Additional feedback that could not be categorized and are important to move forward through the Synod process.

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