



## **Holy Spirit Prayer**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

## **Synod Questions**

### **1. Journeying Together**

The Bible speaks of us as “sojourners.” This means that we are people who are just passing through this life. We are on a journey together toward the goal God has given us.

- Does our parish help us experience being on this journey together?
- What could our parish do better to provide a sense of this?

Having been invited to pray in preparation for this consultation, how have you discerned the Holy Spirit inviting us to grow in this “journeying together?”

### **2. Listening**

The faithful people, the bishops, and the Pope must all listen to each other and all must listen to the Holy Spirit.

- What would make you feel that you were being heard by leaders such as the Pastor, the Bishop or the Pope?
- How could you better listen to fellow parishioners and church leaders?
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### **3. Sharing**

All people are encouraged to speak with courage, freely and truthfully

- Does our parish and diocese provide adequate forums for you to speak your mind?
- If 'yes,' how?
- If 'no,' what do you think this sort of encouragement would look like?

### **4. Common Mission/Sharing Authority/Participation**

Are the baptized members of your parish empowered to proclaim the Gospel to people in their everyday lives?

- Why do you think Catholics are reluctant to speak about their faith to others?
- What would help you be able to express your faith to others more confidently?
- How does the pastor, priests and staff handle their authority in our parish?
  - o Do they invite parishioners as members of the decision making process?

### **5. Discerning and Deciding**

Does our parish use methods of listening and consultation to make decisions?

- If yes, how?
- Are you aware of ways in which the Church is trying to make changes for the better in this regard?

### **6. Celebration**

How does prayer and other celebrations, especially Mass, inspire and guide the people of our parish?

How does your prayer life and the prayer life of the parish (especially Sunday Mass) inform your personal decisions?

If you don't regularly attend Mass, what are the obstacles to your attendance?

# Teen Questions for the Synod



1. What is the meaning, purpose, or goal of your life?

Are you a hopeful person?

What are sources of Hope for you?

1. Do you see evidence of real faith in the adults in your life?

What does real faith look like?



1. Strictly speaking, an “idol” is a false god and “idolatry” is worship of a false god.

Are you aware of any “false gods” in our culture?