



The Reflective Questions

1 The Christian Faithful

- How can your community look to sustain and increase the number of people worshipping with you towards 2030?

2 Leadership

- What lay leadership is currently viable and effective in your community?
- For what other areas of your community life could trained lay men and women assume responsibility?

3 Active Involvement of People

- How diverse and active are parishioners within the community?
- How can the parish community invite and prepare more people to support it?

4 Worship and Spiritual Life

- Are there aspects of your community's regular worship together at Mass that are working particularly well and deepen the spiritual life of those present?
- Is there anything your community can do to encourage a deeper prayer life and engagement with Scripture?

5 Education and Continuing Formation

- What good experiences has your community had in the past and what opportunities would you like to see for 'continuing formation' in the faith for members of your community?
- How can closer relationships be developed between the worshipping community, the school(s) the young people attend, and the families that belong to both?

6 Outreach

- What good experiences has your community had regarding our call to be involved with other Christians, other faiths, all men and women of good will?
- How can your worshipping community become more immersed in the local community?

7 Finances

- How do you feel about the average weekly offertory donation in your community? Does this need to increase to enable your community to flourish in 2030?
- If you are a finance-rich community, how do you feel about sharing some of your resources with very poor parts of the Diocese?

8 Facilities

- What sort of use can your community foresee for any unused or underused parish facilities in the future?
- How can the community develop the capacity to look after its facilities in the future?

9 Geographic Distance

- How does your community feel about the possibility that the only way to ensure flourishing in the future is to become part of a new parish community?
- Are there ways in which your community can serve and support neighbouring communities?

10 Young People

- What good experiences regarding Church life do the young people have in your community?
- How can the presence and witness of young people be more encouraged and supported in the community?

11 What else?

- What would you see as the priorities to ensure a viable and flourishing community in 2030?
- Do you have any other observations – particularly about anything we may have missed?

12 Good Practice

- Is there something your community is involved in which will be of interest to others in the Diocese?