

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST SYNOD QUESTIONS

LISTENING

Give an example of the Church being a “listening” Church. What factors might hamper the Church in listening to her people? What does it mean to you to be listened to, and be heard?

SPEAKING OUT ABOUT OUR FAITH

What factors help make forthright and heartfelt communication - speaking the truth in love - more likely to occur? How might our parishes be places where all feel secure in sharing their thoughts and feelings? How prominent or effective is the voice of a Christian worldview in news, entertainment, sports and social media?

DIVINE WORSHIP

How do prayer, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our family life and mission in our community?

EXERCISING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR CHRISTIAN MISSION

How is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of Christ’s Church? What hinders the baptized from being active in this mission?

INCLUSION

What groups or individuals can you think of who may be unchurched or often forgotten, not evangelized, or not listened to? What steps do you suggest for the Church to be more accepting and welcoming?

DECISION MAKING

What methods and processes do we use in decision-making? How can they be improved?

FORMATION

How does our parish or ministry help form and encourage people to be better disciples of Jesus, participate in the Church's mission, and engage in the work of evangelization?

DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

What are the places and means of dialogue of our local Church with society? How can we improve this?

OTHER COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers who belong to other ecclesial communities or those who have no religious affiliation?