

SYNOD QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM TWO GATHERERS HELD:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 9:00 AM -11:00 AM AND

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

1. How would you describe Jesus' presence in your life?

- Jesus is ALL encompassing – we go to Him often as He's only “A Thought away”, He lifts us up and in prayer, we are always asking for his help and guidance.
- He lives within us and He is front and center. Love, Holy Spirit, Joy, Fruit of the Spirit guidance. Permeating and all encompassing.
- His presence is in our life and makes us feel calm. Someone who needs help can always turn to Jesus for support. Pray list asking the Lord for help for people who are sick or with whatever they need. Jesus in presence at the Iron County Food Pantry – “No one goes hungry”.
- Jesus' presence in singing and working with children.
- Seeing him in all aspects of our lives, home, family, work and the difficult part of our lives.

2. Where do you see Jesus at work in your local community?

- God's house, home, work, public places, food pantry fundraisers, mobile food services, filling the need one on one, prayer, public and private acts of kindness.
- Seeing people in our church and community helping and doing things and not expecting recognition. Food pantry, Treasurer room, and St. Vincent; a group of people putting on a luncheon for funerals or other gatherings. Doing benefits for people who are sick and needing help.
- Children/students volunteering in the community, being kind and considerate at sport events on and off the floor.

3. Where do you see a need for the healing power of Jesus in your life or in your community?

- Bars, Interpersonal relationships (those who are lost and don't know Christ), Wherever God is not, is where God is needed.
- Organizations of Freemasonry and Shriners.
- Healing for the ill. Accepting differences in each other, Healing alcoholism, drugs addictions, and depression acceptance as illnesses.
- Isolation of older people or those homebound due to COVID or other situations. We need more volunteers to reach out to homebound.
- Be more welcoming in our church and community.

4. What or who helps you to know God more fully?

- Priests, like Fr. Raj, someone who knows God more. Strangers, everyone who God puts in our lives. Someone that needs us to serve them or us needing help in our burdens and sorrows.

- Parish Families, spiritually leaders (Fr. Raj), Matthew Kelly readings/videos, scriptures and Mass.
- Spouses, Family, friends, priests, strangers, and faith communities.
- When we hear someone talk about the situation, lifestyles and God's impact on them and being accepting of others, kindness and saying Thank you.
- Anyone who has helped you out, especially in a time of need.

5. What steps do you hear the Holy Spirit asking us to take to deepen our commitment to the church's mission or spreading the Gospel and making disciples?

- To be available to serve one another. Stay true to the gospel and the precepts of the church. To love God is to know God and serve God. Pray without ceasing.
- Teaching and sharing our faith. Don't be afraid of confrontation when you share the Word of God.
- Asking ourselves what would God want me to do.
- Raising our children in the catholic faith and living by example.
- Live the Gospel...not by words but rather by your actions. (i.e., Prayer, generosity, kindness, listening).
- Finding ways to get children and parents to be more involved in the Church as families.

6. What could the church do (if anything) to help you, and to be a more meaningful part of your life?

- Reach out to people with abortions and racial misconceptions. Misconceptions need to be released. Show compassion without judgment.
- Make our faith be known to more people.
- Greater outreach to those who have fallen away. Education and availability to those who can't attend because of illness and other obligations and caregivers.
- Remove the abuse and be more transparent about the scandals and abuse within the church. More people would return to the church. Genuine leaders to glorify God.
- The Church needs to model courage and acceptance of the people (not the sin).
- Follow the Catechism of Catholic Church, not change it. (can't change doctrine to appease society)
- Better outreach. More internet, websites, for ways to increase participation for those at home, etc.
- Reaching out to families and children in the community to build a relationship and catholic faith connection with them.