

Local Synod Consultation – Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Council Parish Summary Observations

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Session Holy Disciples 3/14 at 6:30

- 6:00 Arrival and Check in
- 6:15 Facilitator Training – Geri Note Taker Training – Roger
- 6:30 Large group – Welcome Message from Father Matthew – Roger
- 6:35 Large Group – Opening Prayers and Overview
 Gospel – Sheri
 1 minute Silence
 Words of Pope Francis – Roger
 1 minute Silence
 Goals, Ground Rules, Small breakout set up – Geri
- 6:50 Small Group Breakouts
 Group facilitators take participants to assigned rooms/table if applicable
- Prayer – “We stand before You, Holy Spirit” handout for all to pray
 2 minute silent reflection and listening for the Holy Spirit
 Sharing and Listening:

A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, ‘journeys together.’

How is this ‘journeying together’ happening today in your local church?’

What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

- 8:00 Small Group Breakouts – Prepare info for the reporting back to large group. Identify spokesperson, may be notetaker. The spokesperson will simply report the contents of the session, this is not a time for more sharing.
- 8:05 Return to Large Group for Reflections
 Welcome group back to the Larger group – Geri
 Ask each table to report out a few comments – Geri
- 8:25 Large Group – Closing Prayer & Dismissal
 Gospel – Geri
 30 seconds Silence
 Prayer and Response – Sheri
 Group Prayer – Sheri
 Thank group and remind to leave all notes, drop off demographic form and take home follow up questions. – Sheri

OPENING PRAYER

Leader welcomes and invites everyone to a moment of quiet reflection... Silence, 30 seconds

Reader 1 makes the sign of the cross, leads a short passage:

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

From the Gospel of Luke.

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

Silence, 1 minute

Reader 2 reads passage from Pope Francis:

The words of Pope Francis:

As we initiate this process, we are called to become experts in the art of encounter.... taking time to encounter the Lord and one another... devoting time to adoration, and to hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries. Every encounter – as we know – calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others.... the experience of encounter changes us; frequently it opens up new and unexpected possibilities.

Silence, 1 minute

Reader 3 leads the Adsumus prayer, invites all to join in:

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.**

**Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader invites all to a moment of quiet reflection. 30 seconds of silence.

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From the Gospel of Luke.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

30 seconds of silence.

Reader 2 leads the following prayer:

V. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

**O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Ministry Identification

1.

Ministry name (e.g. St. Lucy Parish, Ascension School, Springfield Catholic Young Adults, Holy Cross Soup Kitchen, etc.):

Ministry location (city or county):

Ministry type (e.g. - parish, service organization, school, movement, etc.):

Parish ID # (if known):

Name of the person filling out this form (if we have questions):

Email address of the person filling out this form:

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Synod Consultation Participation

Tell us who participated in your sessions by answering the questions below. Please feel free to roughly estimate:

11. How many total people participated in all of your sessions?

12. How many session participants were from each of the following age groups?

0-13 (children and early adolescents)

14-17 (high school youth)

18-23 (emerging adults)

24 to 30s (young adult)

40s to 60s (middle age)

65 and up (elders)

13. How many participants were from each of the following ethnic, race, or culture groups?

African American/Black/African

Caucasian/White

Chinese

Filipino

Hispanic/Latino

Japanese

13. How many participants were from each of the following ethnic, race, or culture groups?

African American/Black/African	3
Caucasian/White	77
Chinese	0
Filipino	10
Hispanic/Latino	25
Japanese	0
Korean	1
Native American/American Indian/First Nations/Alaskan Native	1
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian	9
Vietnamese	1
Multi-Racial	6
Other/Unknown	10

14. How many participants were from each of the following gender groups?

Female	81
Male	62

15. What other groups were unique or notable in their participation? (Describe and list the number of participants).

The Junior High and High School youth groups met and are included in the totals.

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