



Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition

Synodal Listening Process

"Synodality is more than just a word or a slogan. Synodality is an expression of the very nature of the Church – the process of discerning how the Spirit is moving us, so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world.."

Pope Francis

Please respond with 1-5, 5 being strongly agree and 1 being strongly disagree:

1. Do you feel part of a larger faith community?

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2. Are you involved with more than one faith community in your correctional/detention facility (i.e., Catholic, Baptist, Jewish, etc)?

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If so, which faith communities are you currently involved with? _____

3. Do you have access to the sacraments at your correctional/detention facility?

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If so, how often do you receive the sacraments? Which sacraments do you participate in?

4. Are you actively involved in faith based services at your correctional/detention facility (i.e, choir member, reader, bible study participant, etc.)?

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5. Do you feel supported by the volunteers and staff who lead the faith based services?

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6. Do you feel joy when participating in faith based services?

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7. Do you feel anxious when participating in faith based services?

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8. Do you feel comfortable inviting others to participate in faith based services within the correctional/detention facility?

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9. If/when you are released from the correctional/detention facility, do you plan to attend faith based services at a local church?

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10. Do you feel that you will be welcomed into a faith based community outside of the "walls"?

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What do you think would make your faith and faith community stronger?

What are some obstacles that are keeping you from experiencing your faith (i.e., access to Sacraments, resources, etc.)?

What steps is the spirit inviting us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

Other Comments:

Listening Through Art: Using images and artistic creation

Communicating through images: Presented with various images, people are invited to find those that best capture what walking together in the Church means to them. Participants can then share why they chose that particular image. On the basis of these exchanges, a joint text can be written.

An individual or shared artistic creation: People are invited to draw an image of the Church in which they walk together, and they are asked to comment on their drawing. People can also make an artistic creation together, as a way of visually representing the Church or their place in it. In any case, once the work has been created, participants are invited to share about what they have created; their comments can then be transmitted as well as their creative works.

Writing together: Participants are invited to write a story, a poem, a prayer, a psalm, or a song on the theme of “walking together with Jesus” or “walking together in the Church.” This piece of writing may be intended to update selected passages from the Gospels or the Acts of the Apostles. What they write can be passed on as it is. It can also be proclaimed during synodal celebrations.

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