



NAME OF PARISH	NAME OF PASTORAL GROUPING
Saint Francis Xavier Parish Gardiner Street	
VENUE OF GATHERINGS	IN PERSON OR ZOOM
St Ignatius chapel in Gardiner Street	In person
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (1 <sup>st</sup> Gathering)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (2 <sup>nd</sup> Gathering)
34	26

### THE JOYS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
<b>Pope Francis:</b> leadership, open to the world, very informed about world events, includes rich and poor.	6	<b>Quiet prayer</b> alone, adoration	2 2
<b>Community</b> aspect of the parish, Joyful singing at mass Welcome and feel part of a group <b>Sense of belonging and coming together.</b> Meetings of any sort	11	<b>Open church:</b> Light a candle in church, Pay a visit to a church <b>New ways</b> of praying: lectio divina, Novena: fervour of the people, crowds	1 1 1 1
<b>Scripture</b> Bible study, hearing the word of God, engaging with Holy Scripture, book clubs Studying the doctrine to understand	8	<b>Ordination of deacons:</b> they help priests <b>Walking together:</b> priests and lay people  <b>Courage</b> , by the power of the Word, to be openly Christian in an anti-Catholic world.	1 2
<b>Sacraments:</b> Parents bring their babies for baptism Funerals: meaningful and well attended Confession Eucharist Weddings	9	Working with the under-privileged  <b>Seasonal Events</b> Christmas, Easter, Novena of grace: full church, prayerful and joyful.	1 1
<b>Laity:</b> Eucharistic ministers, involvement in the parish	4	Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit	1

## THE SORROWS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
<b>Child sexual abuse:</b> shame on the Church.	8	<b>Priests</b> not allowed to marry	2
<b>Women</b> not given a meaningful place in governance of the parish	8	<b>No dialogue with atheism:</b> nobody capable of leading such a meeting.	1
<b>Clericalism:</b> <b>priests</b> and us not the same value	9	<b>Lack of leadership</b> , no parish council, Nothing offered during COVID, even within what was permitted by the law.	2 1
<b>Decreasing numbers</b> in church: even since covid restrictions are gone.	8	No organisation or effort to reach people during lockdown.	2
<b>Young people</b> : not coming to mass or <b>church</b> activities, they find the church <b>irrelevant to their lives.</b>	10	<b>Lack of communication</b> by the parish.	1
Lack of support for young people in the church.	4	Closure of churches for good, Some young people are conservative. Division in the church	2 3

## THE HOPES

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
That clericalism would not continue. that synodality would progress; That the spirit of the law replace excessive rules, <b>like Jesus did and taught.</b>	9	<b>Bishops</b> : that they <b>would speak out</b> on issues	1
<b>Pope Francis:</b> <b>Dare to Dream</b> and reform of the Curia	5	A true synodal church: people want it	2
<b>Laudato si</b> : care of the Earth He is standing firm, and informed. He has called the synod.	4	<b>Learn from other churches:</b> Methodist, Anglican. Hope for better liturgies	1
Hope that the Church continue to <b>respond to the needs of today</b> , esp. the less fortunate.	4	<b>Renewal</b> has begun: parishes are taking on the synod.	2
<b>Women:</b> Hope that women will have a <b>meaningful role</b> in the life and governance of the church.	3	<b>Healing</b> That scandals continue to be dealt with A church without discrimination.	2
<b>Hope that lay people's giftedness</b> is recognized, that they have their rightful place	3	<b>Holy Spirit</b> That we, like Pope Francis, be open to the Holy Spirit That we invest in charisms, groups that have clearly received a gift from the Holy spirit.	1 1
<b>Community:</b> people are coming together People enjoy being together as parish, as like-minded people.	6	<b>Greater Unity within the church:</b> acceptance, no judgment, <b>Diocesan work</b> to promote youth engagement	3
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<p><b>Doctrine:</b> homilies or meetings /sharing on religious subjects that bother/worry people: eg. Hell, mortal sin, fasting, “what God is not” the commandments? Or civil laws? (contrary to church teaching). Teach clear doctrine and stand by beliefs.</p>	5	<p><b>Evangelization</b> : that the parishes devise concrete strategies <b>A Church</b> fully focused on love rather than rules and judgment</p>	1 1
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### THE FEARS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
<p><b>Church</b> <b>Lack of vocations</b> to the priesthood and to religious life <b>Bishops</b> not speaking out on issues of concern. <b>Poor parish leadership</b> Aging priests and no one to replace them. Fear that the Church will not regain a place in society. We will not be given a second chance, in spite of all the good that is being done by the church for those in need. <b>Young people:</b> how to we get them back? <b>Civic social media</b> dominate the voice of the church, and disagree with the church. Effects of sexual abuse continue  Fear that the church will not regain its place in society. Fear the Church will continue to be seen as boring, irrelevant, uninteresting. Spirit of consumerism will snuff out the love of God and neighbour</p>	7 3 5 3 3	<p><b>Damage done</b> by the Church cannot be undone. <b>Fear the church will split in 2</b>, those who follow Vatican II and the ones who want to go back to pre-vatican ways. <b>Church teaching</b> on women’s ordination No teaching on Hell or sin. Why? Has our Nation moved away from God and made its own commandments? We fail in communicating <b>Pope Francis</b> seen as a heretic by pre-vatican Christians. <b>Laudato si</b> will not be taken seriously. We can learn from other Christian churches who have deaconesses. Lack of openness and compassion esp. for non-believers. The catholic <b>Faith will not be handed on:</b> A large number of parents are non-believers. Number of infant baptisms is decreasing. <b>Church’s Missionary energies</b> will be taken up by <b>in-fighting</b> on church issues: women priest, liturgy, tradition.</p>	2 1 2 2 1 2 4 1

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### WHAT THEMES ARE EMERGING FROM THE GATHERING?

1. **Community:** we, the people of God, express better our faith/hope/love when gathered.
2. **Doctrine and Scripture** continue to develop as the Spirit reveals the Truth in History
3. **Sacraments:** are opportunities to experience God and Church
4. **Prayer:** personal and communal prayer are venues of divine life
5. **Evangelisation :** The joy of the Gospel cannot be kept secret; it has to be proclaimed.
6. **Youth :** their unique and positive contribution to the life of the church and the world.
7. **Pope Francis :** Church and world leaders listen to his wise and courageous contribution.

### WHAT MIGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT BE INDICATING IN THIS?

#### Renewal of the Church

Give **the people of God** their meaningful place, ex. women, youth, the people of God at large. Continue in the **synodal pathway** of unity and mutual respect, **clergy and baptised together**. Recognize the **gifts** in the people of God and promote them for the good of the community. Promote **Community** by facilitating gatherings, both formal and informal.

#### Evangelisation:

**Witness** to the Joy of the Gospel in **the way we live** and celebrate.

**Proclaim** the **Good News of God's Love**, not judgments and laws.

Use **seasonal events:** Christmas, Easter, the Novena of Grace, other

**Respond** to the needs of the times, **reaching out to the world**, caring for the Earth.

#### Youth:

**Accept** the different generations and the **different ways of believing and practicing**.

**Devise programmes, care** for the young people who come to the Church

**Reach out** to the youth, far and near, through social media, who need to hear Good News.

#### Prayer:

Keep our **churches open**, for prayer, adoration, lighting of candles, visits,

Offer **new ways of prayer** together (lectio divina, contemplation etc)

**Encourage** Scripture-sharing groups, retreats, days of prayer.

#### Doctrine and Scripture:

**Teach/Learn** about the how Christian faith and **doctrine have developed** over time/History.

Promote, encourage religious studies, Doctrine and Scripture,

**Good homilies**, nourishing and challenging, and encouraging, are appreciated.

#### Pope Francis'

That we read his books, writings, **appreciate his work on renewal:** care for the Poor, the Earth, reform of the Roman Curia and much more.

SIGNED	DATE
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