

Consultation Questions



**Pastoral
Discernment**
North Shore

The following questions were developed based on North Shore Social Profile Report data. Communities across the North Shore are invited to respond to the Guiding Consultation questions through the Conversation in the Spirit methodology, listening and dialoguing together at the service of shaping a Pastoral Discernment Submission for Bishop Anthony's consideration.

QUESTION 1: The data highlights a clear and significant decline in participation in the pastoral and sacramental life of our communities. How does this shift impact our sense of identity and mission within our local communities? What resourcing initiatives or areas of mission should be considered to address this decline in Catholic identification in the North Shore Deanery?

QUESTION 2: What pastoral synergies exist across our North Shore Deanery? How might clusters of parish communities collaborate more effectively? What may be possible across our cluster of parishes in our Deanery?

QUESTION 3: What do you consider to be the most pressing issues for people living in the North Shore Deanery and how best might parish communities respond to these?

QUESTION 4: The data highlights an increasing demand and stress on community members due to high living costs and housing distress. How can the Church's pastoral mission be adapted to address these challenges? What specific pastoral initiatives can the Church implement to support individuals and families facing financial hardship? What areas for outreach may need to be thought through and considered?

QUESTION 5: How does the current configuration of Catholic Communities on the North Shore facilitate or limit mission, ministry, worship, liturgy, and catechesis? What may need to be considered or reviewed to enhance and strengthen Catholic Communities on the North Shore?

Secondary School age students

Inviting secondary school-age students (at schools or in parish Youth groups - who are school-age) to participate by responding to the below-guiding questions.

- Does Christian faith have any relevance for me personally or for the communities of the North Shore? If not, why not?
- What would the Church have to do to have any impact on people living on the North Shore?
- What are the biggest issues facing young people on the North Shore today?
- What do I like most about living on the North Shore? What do I dislike?

Primary School age students

Inviting Year 5 and Year 6 students (schools and parish youth groups) to participate by responding to the below guiding questions.

- What does the Church mean for me and how do I see myself in the community of the Church?
- What would help me have a greater sense of belonging to the Church for me?
- How would you like to see the Church grow?
- What could the Church do better on the North Shore