



## Consultation Questions

Communities across the Northern Beaches are invited to respond to the below 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.

- 1) The religious composition of the Northern Beaches community shows a high number of people identifying with no religion, many of whom may have once identified as Catholic. What relationships do we have with the people in this group? What opportunities for mission exist in the wider community that this group can be involved in?
- 2) The data highlights that there has been an increase in the number of Catholic Families on the Northern Beaches between the years 2016 and 2021. What ministries may need to be strengthened or developed to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of these families?
- 3) The largest number of Catholics, by age, on the Northern Beaches are children aged 10-19. Also, the data reports that a large proportion of Catholic students attend state schools. What may need to be considered in providing avenues for mission for the youth and young people on the Northern Beaches?
- 4) An increasing number of people living in the Northern Beaches experience a number of social difficulties: domestic and family violence, mental health and wellbeing concerns, and difficulties due to the effects of the current housing affordability crisis. What may need to be considered to support and resource the specific social and disadvantaged needs of people living on the Northern Beaches? What areas for outreach may need to be thought through and considered?
- 5) How does the current grouping of Catholic Communities on the Northern Beaches 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 Northern Beaches?

### Secondary School age students

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

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

### Primary School age students

Inviting Year 5 and Year 6 students to participate by responding to the below guiding questions.

- What does the Church mean for me?
- What would help me have a greater sense of belonging to the Church for me?
- What would I change about the Church?
- What could the Church better on the Northern Beaches?