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Response:	Ten Thematic Nuclei to be Explored 1. Companions on the Journey
a) Recall our experiences: ask your-selves what experiences of our parish the fundamental question calls to mind;	<p>In the Church and in society, we are side by side on the same road.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a Catholic, who “walks together”? 2. Who are those who seem further apart? 3. How are we called to grow as companions? 4. What groups or individuals are left on the margins?
b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What are the joys experienced? 6. What difficulties and obstacles were encountered? 7. What wounds did they reveal? 8. What insights were prompted from these experiences?
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<p>a) Recall our experiences: ask yourselves what experiences of our parish the fundamental question calls to mind;</p>	<p>Listening is the first step, but it requires having an open mind and heart, without prejudices.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore? 2. How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? 3. What facilitates or inhibits our listening? 4. How well do we listen to those on the peripheries? 5. What are some of the limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own? 6. What space is there for the voice of the minorities, especially people who experience poverty, marginalized, or social exclusion?
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<p>a) Recall our experiences: ask your-selves what experiences of our parish the fundamental question calls to mind;</p>	<p>All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia (freedom of speech), that is, integrating freedom, truth, and charity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What enables or hinders speak up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in our parish? 2. When and how do we manage to say what is important to us? 3. How does the relationship with the local media work (not only Catholic media)?
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IV. Celebration**

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“Walking together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.

1. How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
2. How do they inspire the most important decisions?
3. How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
4. What space is given to women and young people in the liturgical ministry?

b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth

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V. Sharing Responsibly for Common Mission**

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Synodality is at the service of the Church’s mission, in which all her members are called to participate.

1. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church?
2. What discourages the baptized from being active in mission?
3. What areas of mission are we neglecting?
4. How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)?
5. How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?

b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth

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A synodal church is a participatory and co-responsible Church.

1. How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken?
2. How is authority or governance exercised within our parish?
3. How are the teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice?
4. How are evaluations conducted and by whom?
5. How are lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people promoted?
6. Have we had a fruitful experience of synodality bodies function at the level of the parish (Pastoral Councils, Pastoral Coordinating Councils & Parish Finance Committee)?

b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth

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<p>a) Recall our experiences: ask yourselves what experiences of our parish the fundamental question calls to mind;</p>	<p>In a synodal style, we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What methods and processes do we use in decision-making? 2. How can they be improved? 3. How do we promote participation in decision-making with hierarchical structures? 4. Do our decisions-making methods help us to listen to the voice of the People of God? 5. What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making, and how do we put these into practice? 6. What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability? 7. How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?
<p>b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. What are the joys experienced? 9. What difficulties and obstacles were encountered? 10. What wounds did they reveal? 11. What insights were prompted from these experiences?
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VIII. Forming Ourselves in Synodality**

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Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and going learning.

1. How does our parish community form people to be more capable of “walking together”, listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?
2. What formation do we offer for discernment and the exercise of authority?
3. What tools help us to read the dynamics of the culture in which we are immersed and their impact on our style of Church?

b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth

4. What are the joys experienced?
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IX. Dialoguing in Church and Society**

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Dialogue requires perseverance and patience, but it also enables mutual understanding.

1. What are the places and means of dialogue within our parish?
2. How do we promote collaboration with neighboring parishes, religious communities in the area, lay associations and movements, etc.?
3. What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?
4. What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers of other religions and with those who have no religion affiliation?
5. How does the Church dialogue with and learn from other sectors of society: spheres of politics, economics, culture, civil society, and people who live in poverty?

b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth

6. What joys did they bring?
7. What difficulties and obstacles have they encountered?
8. What wounds did they reveal?
9. What insights have they elicited (prompted)?

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ask yourselves what experiences of our ministry the fundamental question calls to mind;

The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one Baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.

1. What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
2. What do we share and how do we journey together?
3. What fruits have we drawn from walking together?
4. What are the difficulties?
5. How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other?

b) Re-read these experiences in greater depth

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