



DIOCESE OF
FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

Listening Session Reflection Questions

Pope Francis is seeking input, from all members of the laity, especially those whose voice is not typically heard. You are invited to share how the Holy Spirit is speaking to you. Pray in front of the Eucharist with the provided questions and prayer. Come to the Session with your answers!

- How is this “journeying together” to announce the Gospel happening today in our local parish, campus ministry, university, religious congregation? What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?
- How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore? Whose voices are currently not being heard?
- How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
- How is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What areas of mission are we neglecting?
- What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations? What do we share and how do we journey together?
- How is authority and governance exercised within our local Church (diocese/parish)? How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice?
- What is our experience of celebrating the Eucharist? What are some ways our parishes and diocese can place greater emphasis on realizing the infinite value of the Eucharist within our Christian life?

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore You, and acknowledge, here in Your divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without You. Come, great Paraclete, father of the poor, comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Your poor, unworthy creature, as You did descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which You didst communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to You, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Yourself. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of You, that I may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that I may be made conformable to Your divine will, and be guided by Your holy inspirations. Aid me by Your grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life.