Part 1A - Respondent’s Profile

**Gender**
145 responses

- **Male**: 62.1%
- **Female**: 37.9%
- **Other**

**Age**
145 responses

- **18 - 21**: 22.8%
- **22 - 35**: 10.3%
- **36 - 50**: 65.5%
- **51 +**
Part 1B. Value/Belief System

1. Do you attend the Sunday liturgy (Eucharistic celebration)
   145 responses

2. At Mass do you receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion):
   143 responses
7. How often do you pray
144 responses

- Daily: 132 (91.7%)
- Sometimes: 11 (7.6%)
- In time of need or crisis: 7 (4.9%)
- Never: 0 (0%)

8. How often do you read/meditate on the Holy Bible
144 responses

- Daily: 53.5%
- Occasionally: 32.6%
- Rarely: 12.5%
- Never: 5.4%

9. Do you exercise your franchise in various elections
145 responses

- Always: 71.7%
- Sometimes: 17.9%
- Disgusted with politicians: 6.9%
- Never: 4.5%

10. Did you play the Good Samaritan during the recent COVID-19 crisis
141 responses

- Yes: 16.3%
- No: 75.2%
- Was incapacitated: 3.6%
- Was afraid: 4.9%
11. When going shopping do you take along a carry bag to curtail the use of plastic and protect the environment?

141 responses

- Yes: 85.1%
- No: 14.9%

**Part 2C Questionnaire - Synodal**

1. What is your awareness level of the Synod on Synodality 2021-23

145 responses

- 0: 24.8%
- 1: 17.9%
- 2: 16.6%
- 3: 15.9%
- 4: 14.5%
- 5: 12.4%
- Unable to Answer: 12.4%

2. Are you satisfied with the preparations for the Synod in your parish/diocese?

145 responses

- 0: 23.4%
- 1: 15.9%
- 2: 16.6%
- 3: 14.5%
- 4: 12.4%
- 5: 9.7%
- Unable to Answer: 24.1%

3. Do you think that your voice will be heard and concerns expressed in the Synod?

145 responses

- 0: 15.2%
- 1: 15.2%
- 2: 12.4%
- 3: 20%
- 4: 9.7%
- 5: 15.2%
- Unable to Answer: 12.4%
Part 2D Questionnaire - Spiritual/Catechetical

1. To what extent are you satisfied with the renewal/reform of the Catholic Church as envisioned by Vatican II?
   144 responses

   145 responses

3. In the 56 years that have elapsed since Vatican II you may have heard 56 x 52 = 2912 Sunday sermons. How often have you heard Vatican II teachings referred to in these sermons?
   144 responses

4. To what extent are you satisfied with faith formation/adult catechesis after Confirmation classes ended?
   144 responses
5. To what extent are you satisfied with remote or immediate preparation for marriage?
141 responses

6. Vatican II talks of a fraternal (equal) relationship between clergy and laity who are inter-dependent on each other. To what extent has this been achieved?
144 responses

7. Does the church have an empathetic/ compassionate approach to inter-faith (mixed) marriages so common in a multi-religious country like ours?
145 responses

Part 2E Questionnaire - Parish Level Issues

1. Are you satisfied with the functioning of parish councils/ finance committees, if at all they exist in your parish?
145 responses
2. As per Canon Law such bodies are optional and only advisory in nature. Should they be made mandatory with decision making powers?
145 responses

3. To what extent do parish priests respond to concerns/grievances expressed by the parishioners (Laity)?
142 responses

4. Do Catholic children easily get admission to educational institutions run by the parish/diocese?
143 responses

5. Do they easily get admission to educational institutions run by religious congregations?
144 responses
10. To what extent do affluent Catholics help their disadvantaged brethren with jobs, scholarships, material relief etc?
143 responses

11. To what extent do women find a place of dignity and authority in the church?
143 responses

12. To what extent are the youth prepared for the challenges of living their faith in the modern world?
142 responses

13. How acute is the problem of finding suitable matrimonial alliances within the community?
139 responses
Part 2F Questionnaire - Diocesan Level Issues

1. To what extent is a bishop seen as a loving and caring elder?
   143 responses

2. What is the extent of lay involvement in the Diocesan Pastoral Council/ Finance Committee?
   144 responses

3. To what extent are the people consulted in pastoral/ financial/ institutional planning in the diocese?
   141 responses
4. Do bishops respond to correspondence addressed to them?
141 responses

- 26.2% 0
- 18.4% 1
- 15.6% 2
- 13.5% 3
- 12.1% 4
- 9.2% 5
- 7% Unable to Answer

5. Is the bishop seen more as a ceremonial head at Confirmation, Feast Days, school concerts etc?
142 responses

- 36.6% 0
- 21.1% 1
- 12.7% 2
- 9.2% 3
- 7% 4
- 9.2% 5
- 9.2% Unable to Answer

6. Should the people be directly involved in the selection/election process of bishops?
140 responses

- 42.1% 0
- 15.7% 1
- 10.7% 2
- 10.7% 3
- 9.7% 4
- 5% Unable to Answer

7. Should bishops be transferred every ten years?
143 responses

- 51% 0
- 12.6% 1
- 11.2% 2
- 9.8% 3
- 9.8% 4
- 5% Unable to Answer
8. Considering the complexities of modern life should there be a minimum age (say 21) for aspirants to the priesthood/religious life, as against easy practice of "catch them young and innocent"?
142 responses

9. Should the canonical norm of seeking dispensation from the bishop for an inter-church/inter-faith marriage be abolished?
141 responses

Part 2G Questionnaire - National Level Issues

1. Is the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) seen as truly representative of the concerns of Catholics in India?
142 responses

2. Is the Apostolic Nunciature seen as the voice and presence of the Pope in India?
140 responses
3. Does the Nunciature respond to correspondence addressed to it?
140 responses

- 0: 45.7%
- 1: 16.4%
- 2: 11.4%
- 3: 10.7%
- 4: 5%
- 5: 0%
- Unable to Answer: 0%

4. Should the church have a Right to Information (RTI) system to improve accountability and transparency?
142 responses

- 0: 59.2%
- 1: 16.9%
- 2: 11.4%
- 3: 11.4%
- 4: 1.4%
- 5: 0%
- Unable to Answer: 0%

5. Should there be a Grievance Redressal system / Arbitration Boards at all levels of the church?
141 responses

- 0: 66.7%
- 1: 17%
- 2: 11.4%
- 3: 7.8%
- 4: 1.4%
- 5: 0%
- Unable to Answer: 0%

6. Should there be an automated computerized system of recording correspondence/ grievance redressal, with a reference number, as in Customer Care/ Govt portals?
141 responses

- 0: 61.7%
- 1: 14.2%
- 2: 9.2%
- 3: 7.8%
- 4: 1.4%
- 5: 0%
- Unable to Answer: 0%
7. How effective is the church in the print/electronic media when it comes to sensitive issues like conversions and legislation to curb the same?
141 responses

Part 2H Questionnaire - Social Issues

1. To what degree do Dalit Christians (of SC origin) find acceptance in the church?
142 responses

2. To what degree do tribal (ST) Christians find acceptance in the church?
140 responses

3. Do Dalit Christians experience discrimination, like other Dalits, in society in general?
140 responses
8. Do we make collective efforts to grow more trees or to protect the environment?
138 responses

9. Have we as a community adapted to the local culture/language in our liturgy and way of life?
141 responses

10. Are we, as a community, active in politics, trade unions, civic and consumer affairs and human rights?
141 responses

Part 2: Questionnaire - Moral/Ethical Issues

1. Is the laity consulted on moral issues that affect it: like marriage, divorce, annulment, family planning, sexual ethics etc?
140 responses
2. Do you agree with the official teaching of the church that all forms of artificial contraception are wrong and couples should only follow Natural Family Planning (NFP)?
141 responses

3. Does the church provide facilities and scientific guidance for NFP?
139 responses

4. As per Canon Law, a woman who procures an abortion, regardless of the circumstances, incurs an automatic ex-communication. Do you agree with this?
141 responses

5. Should Divorced and Remarried Catholics (DARCs) be admitted to Holy Communion after due catechesis?
141 responses
Part 2J Questionnaire - Universal Issues

1. The word Catholic means “universal”. Has the church become more “Roman” (Europeanised) than catholic (universal in culture and governance)?
   142 responses

2. Should there be adequate lay representation at all levels of the synodal process – parish, diocese, national, continental and universal?
   142 responses

3. Has people’s faith in the Church been adversely affected by clerical sexual abuse and pedophilia (over 216,000 cases reported in France alone betw... present time; over 4000 in the USA in 2019-20)?
   142 responses

4. Do you agree with Pope Francis’ oft repeated statement that “clericalism” (complete domination by the clergy) is the biggest scourge in the church?
   142 responses
5. Pope Francis lives in a two room apartment in St Martha’s Hostel, not in the Vatican palace. He uses a Fiat 500 hatchback (Regn No SCV 1) and has .../religious followed his example and directions? 141 responses

6. Pope Francis also asked religious leaders to have the smell of the sheep (obviously not an expensive perfume)! To what extent has this happened on the ground? 141 responses

7. Is it adequate redressal to “transfer” bishops and priests involved in major financial misappropriation, sexual abuse or moral turpitude? 140 responses

8. Should the findings of this Synod be translated into law? 141 responses
9. Should this Synod lead to the convening of Vatican III (for Vatican II 2500 bishops plus experts deliberated for three years; now there are close to 5500 bishops)?

140 responses

10. Should women be ordained to the priesthood?

141 responses

11. Should the church revert to the early Christian practice of having married clergy, beginning with St Peter himself, the first pope?

142 responses

12. Should we learn universality from the United Nations? It has its headquarters in New York, but various departments like UNESCO/UNICEF are in different countries to make the church more universal?

142 responses

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