QUESTIONS RELATING TO FUTURE PASTORAL PROVISION AND MISSION STRATEGY

Following discussion by Parish Consultative Bodies, such as the Parish Council and Finance Committee, and then with the parish more broadly, summary responses to these questions should be submitted by Parish Priests to the Bishop's Office.

Phase 2 – Parish Consultation

Question 1.

How do you think parish structures and practices need to evolve to best serve the mission of the Church, that is, sharing the Gospel in a society which is forgetting its Christian roots more and more? You will need to reflect both on how your Parish Community has changed over the past twenty-five years and what it realistically might look like in ten years' time, with the help of the document sent with these questions.

Question 2.

How can we foster and sustain a deeper personal relationship with Christ within the communion of the Church, both in your local parish and as a part of the diocese? What can be done to ensure that young and old alike can better live their everyday lives as 'intentional' disciples, that is followers of Jesus Christ who embrace His teaching and become capable of sharing a living Catholic faith with others?

Question 3.

Being realistic about our resources, both human and financial, what concrete steps do you think should be taken in your parish to address present and future needs? You should think about:

-How the diocese, your neighboring parishes, and the different congregations within your own parish (those who attend the different Masses that are celebrated) can help you overcome challenges and create opportunities.

-How individual members of your Parish Community can be appropriately enabled to contribute to the demanding work of change and development.