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Deanery Response Document

Evangelisation: How can each deanery best evangelise in this current time bringing renewal to parish life?

Imagine vibrant, joyful church life within your deanery. Envision life-giving faith experiences that have the power to actively introduce others to the love of Jesus Christ:

- What are your hopes for deanery life in your community?
- Where have you seen or experienced good examples of evangelisation and outreach?
- In what ways could your deanery encourage people to deepen their existing relationship with Jesus Christ?
- In what ways could your deanery introduce people to the love of Jesus Christ for the first time?

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Collaboration: How can deanery parishes work together in new ways to support each other?

- What parishes in your deanery would be natural collaborators in sharing knowledge, expertise and leadership as we plan for the future?
- What particular strengths and gifts have you identified across the parish communities in your deanery that will be helpful in this process?
- Given the reduction in numbers attending Mass, particularly after the Covid pandemic, how do we respond as a Catholic community?

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Resources: What resources of people, finance and buildings does your deanery need to best serve these plans for evangelisation and collaboration?

Priestly leadership and participation

- Given fewer numbers of priests, how should Mass schedules and the celebration of the Sacraments in your deanery be reorganised?
- Given the projected fall in the number of active Priests in the next few years; how can Priests best serve evangelisation efforts in your deanery?

Lay leadership and participation

- How can greater lay leadership and participation be encouraged in your deanery?

“Synodal Leadership”

- What structures do you see being necessary to maximise the effectiveness of synodal leadership in which priests and laity contribute to the communities of faith and worship locally?

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