

OLG AND ST. JOSEPH SYNOD DEMOGRAPHIC

OVERVIEW

**SESSIONS HELD
DECEMBER 2021 -
MARCH 2022**

**6 GENERAL SESSIONS
2 LGBTQ+
1 YOUNG ADULT
1 HISPANIC
1 DISAFFECTED CATHOLICS**

**AVERAGE SESSION:
13 PEOPLE
SMALLEST: 5 PEOPLE
LARGEST: 20 PEOPLE**

**130
PARTICIPANTS
ACROSS 11
SESSIONS**

**AGE RANGE: 13 - 75+
LARGEST GROUP:
40-55 YR OLDS**

**RACIALLY AND
ETHNICALLY DIVERSE:
CAUCASIAN, HISPANIC,
BLACK, ASIAN, MIDDLE
EASTERN**

**60% FEMALE
40% MALE**

**AVERAGE MASS
ATTENDANCE:
WEEKLY**

**RESPONDENTS INCLUDED:
YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT,
SINGLE, MARRIED,
SEPARATED, DIVORCED,
REARRIED, WIDOWED, AND
VOWED RELIGIOUS**

SUMMARY OF SYNOD FEEDBACK

HOW DID PARTICIPANTS RESPOND?

What's Going Well?

- Feel welcomed and included
- Close knit community and sense of belonging
- Commitment to service
- OLG/SJ Priests involved and engaging
- Active celebration of Catholic traditions
- Committed ministries engage parish groups

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How Can We Improve?

- Modernize teachings in key areas
- Increase transparency / accountability from Church leaders
- Inclusion / Roles for Women
- Inclusion / Roles for LGBTQ+
- Focus on teachings of Jesus - Love, service, acceptance
- More lay leadership, less hierarchy
- 'Market' the good the Church does
- Inclusion of non-traditional families (divorced, single parent, LGBTQ+)
- Enhance outreach, especially to lapsed, disaffected, marginalized
- More / better youth Faith Formation
- Better use of technology
- Establish ongoing dialogue between diocesan Church leadership and laity