**Bishop alan’s PARISH Questionnaire**

**REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY**

**You can respond in a number of ways:**

* **Join the discussion group sessions (these will be in English only)**
* St Thomas More Hall on Tuesday, 13th and Tuesday, 20th Sept at 7.30 p.m.
* Our Lady of Fatima Hall on Friday, 16th and Friday, 23rd Sept at 7.30 p.m.
* **In writing, via the Presbytery (English or Polish) -** mark envelopes ‘Parish Questionnaire’.
* **By e-mail (English or Polish)** – contact Angela **steward.harlow.olf.stm@gmail.com**
* **By telephone (English only) –** Angela, on Harlow 426462
* **In our Google Groups discussion forum (English only) –** please provide me with your name and e-mail address, and I will add you to the group.

**SESSION 1**

**1. The Christian Faithful**

a) How can your community look to sustain and increase the number of people worshipping with you towards 2030?

**2. Leadership**

a) What lay leadership is currently viable and effective in your community?

b) For what other areas of your community life could trained lay men and women assume responsibility?

**3. Active Involvement of People**

a) How diverse and active are parishioners within the community?

b) How can the parish community invite and prepare more people to support it?

**4. Worship & Spiritual Life**

a) Are there aspects of your community’s regular worship together at Mass that are working particularly well and deepen the spiritual life of those present?

b) Is there anything your community can do to encourage a deeper prayer life and engagement with Scripture?

**5. Education & Continuing Formation**

a) What good experiences has your community had in the past and what opportunities would you like to see for ‘continuing formation’ in the faith for members of your community?

b) How can closer relationships be developed between the worshipping community, the school(s) the young people attend, and the families that belong to both?

**6. Outreach**

a) What good experiences has your community had regarding our call to be involved with other Christians, other faiths, and all men and women of good will?

b) How can your worshipping community become more immersed in the local community?

**SESSION 2**

**7. Finances**

a) How do you feel about the average weekly offertory donation in your community? Does this need to increase to enable your community to flourish in 2030?

b) If you are a finance-rich community, how do you feel about sharing some of your resources with very poor parts of the Diocese?

**8. Facilities**

a) What sort of use can your community foresee for any unused or underused parish facilities in the future?

b) How can the community develop the capacity to look after its facilities in the future?

**9. Geographic Distance**

a) How does your community feel about the possibility that the only way to ensure flourishing in the future is to become part of a new parish community?

b) Are there ways in which your community can serve and support neighbouring communities?

c) If applicable, what is the relationship between different churches or Mass centres within the parish or between linked parishes?

d) Is/are there neighbouring parishes which would lend themselves to being linked to your parish or to becoming part of a partnership or “cluster”?

**10. Young People**

a) What good experiences regarding Church life do the young people have in your community?

b) How can the presence and witness of young people be more encouraged and supported in the community?

**11. What Else?**

a) Do you have any other observations - particularly about anything we may have missed?

**12. Good Practice**

a) Is there something your community is involved in which will be of interest to others in the Diocese?