

# Holy Trinity-Marshfield Synod Report

**Parish Name-** Holy Trinity

**Parish City-**Marshfield

**Consultation Sessions-**2

**Dates-** 3-23-22 & 3-27-22

**Approximate Attendance-** 50 for both dates

**How were invitations issued?** Invitations were sent out in the church bulletin, word-of-mouth and announced by clergy at Mass and church events, meetings, etc.

**What specific groups participating were especially noteworthy?** The youth that participated in the synod discussed how they felt disconnected at times with parish activities. They also stated that they receive criticism at times when they try to share their faith with other non-Catholic youths.

**Were there specific groups of people who did not participate and why (if known) did they not participate?** It did not appear that those who wanted to attend were unable to attend.

**The positives/frustrations/challenges with “Growing in Holiness,” “Forming Intentional Disciples,” and “Being Sent to Witness” can be found in the separate attachment**

**During the overall consultation process, what dispositions, attitudes or feelings were notable?** Overall attitude seemed positive. No one seemed to get upset about the synod or any other issues that were brought up in the small group discussions.

**What was significant, surprising, or unexpected?** Some surprises were that the youth still face criticism at school for being Catholic. Also it was surprising that there are still some non-Catholic members of our community that don't view Catholics as Christians.

**What fruits of the Holy Spirit brought through this experience?** Through this synod various parish organizations and people that don't normally conglomerate were brought together to find ways to encounter Jesus Christ more fully in our parish.

**What did participants have to say about areas where the Church or our parish is in need of healing and conversion in its spiritual life, culture, attitudes, structures, pastoral practices, relationships and missionary outreach?** Some participants brought up that we need to be more visible in our community. Our parish is involved in many activities in our parish but we don't do a very good job sometimes showing others, including those in our parish, that we are active in charitable activities in our community. Also, it was noted in our synod that there was very little missionary outreach training opportunities for those who felt called to more vocal evangelization. It was brought up several times that our parish should do a parish retreat every year or every other year. More outreach to some of the marginalized groups as those listed in the “Forming Intentional Disciple” challenges.