

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown • Survey and Recommendation of what could be

Thank you for taking a few moments to reflect on the following questions. Submitting your answers online at www.dioceseaj.org/arise is preferred, if you are able to do so. Otherwise, please return these completed reflections to Sr. Linda, 623 East Third Street, Bellwood, Pa 16617

Parish: _____ Name (optional): _____

1. Did you participate in any season of Arise? Yes No (Go to #3)

If Yes, did your experience of Arise deepen your desire to be in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ?
 Yes No Somewhat Not at all

2. Did your experience with Arise create a desire for more, but perhaps something you cannot yet name?
 Yes No Not Sure

3. Have you participated in other small group sessions?
 Yes _____ No _____

4. Do you want to participate in small faith-sharing groups in the future? Yes No

5. Do you feel you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Yes No Not Sure

6. How often do you spend time in prayer? Daily 1-3 days weekly Infrequently

7. How have you developed your spiritual growth in the last 6 months? (Check all that apply.)

Reading (Books, Articles) Watching (Videos/TV/Live-Streaming)
 Listening (Radio/Music/Podcasts) Other _____

8. Would you benefit from an educational experience to gain a better understanding of the mystery of the Mass, and how it can be relevant to your life? Yes No

9. What else do you think would help you develop your relationship with Jesus Christ?
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10. Do you believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? Yes No Not Sure

11. What do you believe is the most important spiritual need for most Catholics?
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12. How would you define the purpose of the Church today **for you?**
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13. Which one best describes you:

Spiritually Curious

Someone who is intrigued by or desiring to know more about Jesus, his life, and his teachings or some aspect of Christian faith. This curiosity can range from mere awareness of a new possibility to something quite intense. Nevertheless, a person at the threshold of curiosity is not yet open to personal change. Curiosity is still essentially passive, but it is more than mere trust.

Spiritually Open

Someone who acknowledges to themselves and to God that he or she is open to the possibility of personal and spiritual change. This is one of the most difficult transitions for a postmodern believer. Openness is not a commitment to change. People who are open are simply admitting they are open to the possibility of change.

Spiritually Seeking

Someone who moves from being essentially passive to actively seeking to know God who is calling him or her. At this stage, the seeker is engaged in an urgent spiritual quest, seeking to know whether he or she can commit to Christ in his Church.

Intentional Disciple

This is the stage where someone decides to “drop one’s nets,” to make a conscious commitment to follow Jesus in the midst of his Church as an obedient disciple and to reorder one’s life accordingly.

14. Which of the following spiritual life formation experiences would you be interested in? (*Check all that apply.*)

Alpha for Catholics

ChristLife *Rediscovering Christ*

Scripture Study

Ongoing Faith Sharing within the Parish

Other (Please offer suggestions): _____

15. In what ways does the parish help our family, friends and community through the journey of conversion?

16. What else would you like to share?

Parish Office, please mail completed Reflections by October 19, 2020

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