**Questionnaire to activate the diocesan stage of next Synod (2021-2023)
“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”**

**Name** (optional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Gender**: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_ **Years of education:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please mark the correct answer in your view with a ✓*

**Part 1: Your attitude to the Church and the attitude of others**

**1. What is your personal commitment to the Church (Mass attendance, service, activities)?**

Strong and continuous \_\_\_\_\_\_ Medium and intermittent \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak, only on occasions \_\_\_\_\_\_

If your answer is medium or weak, what is the main reason for this lack of commitment to the church?

Life circumstances and work conditions: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Position on the Church: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Systematic or practical unbelief: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Indifference: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. In your opinion what distances people from the Church?**

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**3. In your opinion, what might attract people who are distant from the Church back to the Church today?** (You can choose more than one option)

Mass and liturgical celebrations \_\_\_ Songs and homily \_\_\_ Social activities of the church \_\_\_

Spiritual and cultural activities of the church \_\_\_ Financial assistance \_\_\_ Pastoral visits of the priest \_\_\_

**4. What are the most important themes that concern you in the teaching of the Church?**(You can choose more than one option)

Holy Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ Church teaching \_\_\_\_\_ Spirituality \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ Morality \_\_\_\_\_

Political stand \_\_\_\_\_ Administration and appointments \_\_\_\_\_ Aid \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not interested in the above themes, what themes are important to you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. **Does the liturgy (Mass, sacraments…) help you to live your faith?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If your answer is yes, how does the liturgy help you live your faith?

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6. **How do you evaluate the image of the Church in the media and in local public opinion?**

Very positive \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Negative \_\_\_\_\_\_

If your answer is negative, what are the reasons for this? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 2: The Church’s listening to the People of God**

**1. How do you evaluate the listening of the bishop and the priests to the opinions of the faithful in different fields?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_ Selective (listening to some)

What are the ways of listening and communication that you would prefer in your parish and your diocese?

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**2. Do you invest in offering your opinion with the aim of developing your church in different fields?**

Yes, always \_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, but in certain fields \_\_\_\_\_\_ No, never \_\_\_\_\_\_

If your answer is “yes, but in certain fields”, what are these?

Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_ Cultural and educational \_\_\_\_\_\_ Administrative \_\_\_\_\_\_ Economic projects \_\_\_\_\_\_

If your answer is “no, never”, why?

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**Part 3: Participation in the Church**

**1. How would you evaluate the space given to the participation of the faithful in the Mass and in the life of the parish?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** **How would you evaluate community action and shared responsibility of lay people in your parish?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the ways to improve the participation of the lay people?

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**3. How do you see true participation between the Church and the faithful within the diocese or the vicariate to which you belong?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

What would you suggest to strengthen this communion and participation?

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**4. How do you see true communion and participation between the Church and the believers in all parts of the diocese (Palestine, Jordan, Israel and Cyprus)?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

**5. How do you evaluate the collaboration among the different Catholic Churches in Cyprus: Latins and Maronites?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

What would be the ways to develop this collaboration?

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**Part 4: The Church and openness to the other**

**1. How would you evaluate the role of the Church in supporting social issues? (social and political commitment, scientific research and teaching, promotion of social justice, protection of human rights, ecological awareness for our common home, etc.)?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

If your answer is “weak”, what would be the ways to develop this role?

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**2. How do you evaluate the openness to other groups in the Catholic Church: migrant workers, and refugees?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

How can this openness be developed?

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**3. How do you evaluate the dialogue and cooperation between the different Christian Churches in Cyprus (between the Catholic Churches on the one hand and the Greek Orthodox, Armenian, Anglican and Evangelical communities on the other hand)?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the ways to develop this dialogue and cooperation?

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**4. How is the relationship and dialogue of the Church in your diocese with Muslims?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the ways to develop this relationship?

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**5. How do you evaluate the relationship between the Church and the state and its institutions?**

Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_ Strong \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5: The exercise of authority in the Church**

**1. How is authority exercised in your parish and in the diocese (priests, men and women religious, administration in the school, pastoral teams, charity institutions)?**

Acceptable exercise of authority \_\_\_\_\_\_ Excessive exercise of authority \_\_\_\_\_\_

What are your proposals on this subject? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**2. How are decisions made in your parish and diocese?**

Unilaterally (one person decides) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jointly but with regard to specific decisions \_\_\_\_\_\_

Jointly in all decisions \_\_\_\_\_\_

How might decision-making be modified to reflect the collegiality of the Church?

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**3. Is there a parish council in your parish?
If there is how do you evaluate its contribution to the life of the parish?**

Very active \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the ways to develop this participation?

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**4. How might we educate people, especially those who occupy positions of responsibility within
the Christian community, to help them be more able to dialogue and to listen to one another?**

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**Part 6: Evangelization and pastoral life**

**1. How do you evaluate the teaching of religious education teachers in our Christian schools?**

Very good \_\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are not satisfied, what are your suggestions for improvement?

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**2. Does the Church give valid answers, in the light of the Christian faith, to existential or local questions concerning for example; the COVID 19 pandemic, vaccination, abortion, environmental issues, scientific research and discoveries, wars, violence, etc?**

Valid answers \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weak answers \_\_\_\_\_\_ Questions are unanswered \_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Does the Church pay enough attention to family counselling, especially the counselling of families in which there are difficulties in communicating and understanding each other?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Do you have other proposals that you would like to share with the Church regarding evangelization and pastoral life or anything else?**

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