

THE PROCESS OF THE CONVERSATION METHOD

The Conversation or Discussion Method of facilitating a shared understanding is used when a group is faced with details which can impact on a decision.

Step 1: FACTS

The facilitator focuses the participants on a set of facts or figures such as the list of factors impacting the global Catholic Church in John Allan's book. Consider what other socio-cultural issues impact on the expression of the Catholic faith in Australia today?

Step 2: FEELINGS

The facilitator asks the participants what their reactions are to the material presented. What worries you about the material from John Allen? How do you respond to information regarding global change?

Step 3: MEANINGS

The facilitator invites participants to consider the meaning of these changes for their lives and the ministries in which they work.

How will these changes impact on the work of the ministry in the next 5 to 10 years?

Which are the most serious challenges for this community?

Step 4: ACTIONS/ DECISIONS

The facilitator invites participants to suggest one or two immediate actions to address the issues raised in the conversation. Are there new directions which this group needs to take?

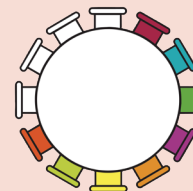
Finish with a prayer

Come, Holy Spirit!
You inspire new tongues
and place words of life
on our lips:
keep us from becoming
a museum Church,
beautiful but mute,
with much past
and little future.
Come among us, so that
in this synodal experience
we will not lose
our enthusiasm,
dilute the power of prophecy,
or descend into useless and
unproductive discussions.
Come, Spirit of love,
open our hearts
to hear your voice!
Come, Holy Spirit of holiness,
renew the holy and faithful
People of God!
Come, Creator Spirit, renew the
face of the earth!
Amen.

(Pope Frances 9/10/2021. Opening Address of the Synod).

The key principles of the Reflection Process

- Listening
- Respectful Sharing
- Reflection
- Action



USE THIS PAGE TO MAKE NOTE OF ANY WORDS, PHRASES OR THOUGHTS SIGNIFICANT FOR YOU

What socio-cultural issues are currently shaping the Catholic faith in Australia?

What concerns or emotions arise when considering global changes impacting the Church?

How will these changes affect the future of our ministry in the next 5-10 years?

What immediate actions can we take to address these challenges and adapt to change?

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