

## Synod Questions to local authority clerks and elected representatives.

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The survey was distributed on 31/01/2022. Four responses were received.

**1 Has the Catholic Church reached out to you or your council previously? If so, how and what was the context?**

R1 No

R2 No

R3 No

R4 Planning applications

**2 What do you think the Catholic Church stands for?**

R1 Faith

R2 A form of Christianity, representing those people who practice the Catholic faith

R3 Promoting the Catholic faith throughout the World

R4 Non-egalitarian and discriminating religious organisation which treats women as second class citizens with a particularly militant right wing faction who are anti-vaxxers.

**3 How is the Catholic Church relevant to your objectives?**

R1 No different than other religions

R2 Interaction with the Catholic Church would be a means of improving the Town Council's support of the community

R3 I am interested in hearing from members of the Catholic church who may need my help as a Councillor.

R4 It's a very separatist organisation which rarely gets involved with the wider community. It's not a community player, doesn't support community events except its own. Compared to other Christian faiths activities in the village, the Catholic Church has a low profile.

**4 If you don't already, how would you engage with your local Catholic community?**

R1 My Daughter son in law and Grand daughter

R2 Improved communication with the Church leaders will result in a better understanding of what we can do to support each other

R3 Receive regular contact from them. I see or hear nothing from them - but then I only get a Christmas Card from the Anglicans - so communication is brilliant. I get regular updates from other organisations (FOI, Salisbury Transition, COGS etc)

R4 We try to engage all faiths and it's up to them to respond and participate in our community..

### **5 What opportunities do you have to listen to catholic voices?**

R1 Many

R2 None specifically for Catholic voices - the residents can always attend council meetings to voice their concerns/views

R3 Almost nothing.

R4 Attending mass. Not aware of any other opportunities due to poor PR/communications with the wider community.

### **6 What hinders your engagement with the Catholic community?**

R1 Nothing

R2 Nothing other than not knowing who to engage with

R3 Lack of a forum, poor comms

R4 They are not proactive, welcoming or communicative in our community.

### **7 What would help you engage with the Catholic community more fruitfully?**

R1 Nothing more required

R2 Knowing who to contact

R3 An invitation - but I would want that to be multi faith. What happened to Churches together?

R4 They need to be visibly involved and proactively engaged in community life, activities and events.