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# SYNOD SURVEY SUMMARY

San Rafael

## **Means and standard deviations for the constructs.**

The “**mean**” represents the average score from a scale of 1-4 that respondents answered on the survey. The higher the mean indicates agreement with each statement on average.

**Standard deviation** is a measure of how dispersed the data is in relation to the mean. Low standard deviation indicates data are clustered around the mean, and high standard deviation indicates data are more spread out.



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Constructs and Individual Questions Total Respondents: 218	Parish		Diocese	
	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation
<b>The Sacramental Life of the Church Construct</b>	3.26	.58	3.24	.61
Participation in the Mass is my most meaningful ongoing encounter with God.	3.19	.88	3.15	.88
Participation in Mass helps me to live out the Gospel by loving my neighbor.	3.11	.69	3.13	.70
Participation in the celebration of the Sacraments (such as Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Marriage, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick) is an important part of my life.	3.47	.62	3.46	.69
<b>Community Life Construct</b>	3.17	.67	3.21	.60
I feel welcomed and included in my parish community.	3.23	.79	3.25	.73
Participating in my parish community draws me closer to God.	3.25	.69	3.28	.71
Friendships in my parish are important to me.	3.09	.84	3.15	.75
<b>Priestly Ministry Construct</b>	3.21	.58	3.06	.56
Over the years, my parish priests have helped me grow in my relationship with God.	3.05	.86	3.08	.80
My parish priest does a good job of handling issues facing the parish and the community.	3.38	.75	3.16	.77
The Church's renewed emphasis on the importance of lay ministries is crucial in responding to the declining number of priests.	3.22	.66	2.99	.75
<b>Church as a Pathway to God Construct</b>	3.01	.64	3.00	.64
The Church plays a significant role in my moral decision-making.	3.13	.77	3.07	.77
The Church is my primary pathway to God.	3.01	.82	3.01	.86
I have participated in at least one group in the church, which helped me grow as a disciple of Christ (Some examples are Cursillo, Knights of Columbus, Matrimonios, women's guild, Scripture study groups, and Couples for Christ).	2.89	.87	2.92	.88



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<b>Issues of Youth and Young Families Construct</b>	3.00	.51	3.04	.56
My parish does a good job of drawing younger people into a greater faith in God.	2.58	.81	2.79	.86
The Church needs to communicate with the Gospel in contemporary ways to youth and young adults.	3.34	.65	3.23	.76
My parish effectively forms young people in the Catholic faith through Catholic School or religious education programs.	2.97	.79	3.09	.77
<b>Anger at the Clergy Sexual Abuse Scandals Construct</b>	3.12	.37	3.00	.47
The sexual abuse scandal makes it more difficult to attract people to the Church.	3.00	.77	2.89	.84
The cover-up conducted by some bishops, rather than individual cases, was most disappointing.	3.45	.66	3.30	.76
The Catholic Church is now handling sexual abuse issues more positively.	2.92	.63	2.83	.68
<b>Inclusiveness and Acceptance vs. Doctrinal Strength Construct</b>	2.86	.52	2.82	.60
Inclusiveness and acceptance in the Church are more important than strictly following the Church's rules.	2.75	.93	2.72	.93
Individuals should be excluded from the sacraments based on their moral conduct.	2.59	.88	2.62	.93
My parish does a good job of balancing inclusiveness/acceptance, on the one hand, with catholic teaching, on the other.	3.28	.74	3.14	.77
<b>Synodal Statements Construct</b>	2.73	.53	2.84	.55
The Church must achieve a deeper level of participation and input from all its members.	3.19	.61	3.21	.66
If I stopped participating in my parish I would be missed.	2.52	.91	2.60	.94
The Church listens.	2.45	.80	2.70	.76
<b>If you could change one thing in your parish, what would be the most important?</b>			<b>Percentage</b>	
Helping to spread the faith			33.5	
Making our parish more welcoming			21.6	
Outreach to the marginalized (such as the homeless, the unborn child, the incarcerated, and the immigrant).			13.8	
Better homilies			19.7	
Less emphasis on money			11.5	