

Diocesan Strategy Questionnaire – Summary responses, from the Parish of the Annunciation and St Edmund Campion, Bournemouth – December 2022.

A total of 51 responses were received following a Parish consultation on the Diocesan Ten Year Mission Plan – “You Will Be My Witness”, held in November 2022.

Questionnaire / responses

1. What do you find most beneficial about your experience of life in our Parish and Diocese?

Answer Themes	Numbers	% (rounded)
Relevant / useful Homilies	11111	5
Seeing familiar faces / community / friendships	111111111111111111111111111111	27
Celebrating special events / masses	1	1
Time for reflection	1	1
Parish Values / culture	1	1
Open / friendly nature	1111111	7
Singing / Music	11111	5
Good Times of masses/style of mass	1111111	7
Exposition, benediction, rosary	11	2
Weekday mass availability	1	1
Link with St Walburga’s	1111	4
Tradition	1	1
Diversity	11111111	8
Catechism, spiritual growth. sacraments	1111111	7
Opportunities to serve in Parish	111	3
Focus on God	111111111111	12
Children’s participation	111111	6
Clergy visiting homes – prayer in homes	1	1
Parish Parties, activities	1111	4
Totals	103	102 (100)

2. What would you like to see that you do not yet experience in our Parish and Diocese?

Summary themes:
More relevant homilies
Closer community
After mass events – coffee etc
More comfort
Friendlier for children
An understanding of social values – homosexuality
More parishioner involvement
More family groups
More singing
More plants
More open church
Supporting catholic values e.g. pro life
More social events
Catechesis generally available/ improved catechesis
Better sharing of all ideas
Ecumenical awareness / involvement
More youth involvement

Increased diversity – women
More parish events
Open and aware of non catholics
Different masses / extra masses – e.g. children’s, masses, shorter,
More prayer groups
Better welcoming
More charity giving in practice
Retreats
Weekday activities
More school involvement

3. The plan suggests The Annunciation, St Edmund Campion and Corpus Christi may have to merge as Parishes. What thoughts do you have about this, including any alternate ideas?

Response Types	Numbers	%
Positive about the changes proposed	111111111111111111	47
Not Positive about the changes proposed	111111111111	33
Unsure about the changes proposed	1111111	20

4. Do you have any other comments or thoughts about the Ten-Year Mission Plan?

Summary key comments / themes
More community interaction
Develop online presence of Parish
Focus on the Holy Eucharist
More Prayer time
To focus our works on Mercy not Money
A sense the Parish is already busy and involved with a school. Would it be too unwieldy to merge with Corpus Christi
Refurbish Annunciation – comfortable seats like St Edmund Campion
How will 24 Parishes then work together – can there be a sharing of best practice; targets to guide?
Post Holy Communion outreach programmes for families.
Meditations, varied mass types / lengths
The Universal church needs to be Universal – more inclusive – women, married men priesthood.
Foodbank in the church
Better foundation catechesis