

# Synodal Encounter on Women’s Leadership in the Church

## Witness Survey Summary

*Including the clergy, there were 62 attendees at the encounter. There was a total of 21 surveys returned either the night of the encounter, at the Good Shepherd office, or at the weekend liturgies. No additional surveys were returned from Immaculate Conception. The deadline for survey submission was October 15, 2023. Any data errors are unintentional. You may request to view the surveys by contacting the Good Shepherd office.*

### Survey Participants:

Age Ranges: **40-50:** 14%    **51-60:** 29%    **61-70:** 24%    **71-80:** 19%    **81+:** 14%

Gender:     **Males:** 29%    **Females:** 71%

Ethnicity:    Given the rather homogeneous make-up of the survey participants, ethnicity was not an important factor, and therefore, not included in the results.

### Questions:

1. In order to recognize and promote the full dignity of women, the Church needs to expand opportunities for women to participate in governance roles.

	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	No Response	Total
<b>Total</b>	33%	62%	5%		100%
<b>Gender</b>			5%		100%
<b>Males</b>	5%	24%			
<b>Females</b>	33%	33%			
<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>40-50:</b> 14% <b>51-60:</b> 10%	<b>40-50:</b> 0% <b>51-60:</b> 19%	5%		*101%
	<b>61-70:</b> 5% <b>71-80:</b> 5%	<b>61-70:</b> 14% <b>71-80:</b> 14%			
	<b>81+:</b> 5%	<b>81+:</b> 10%			

\*Difference due to rounding to the nearest whole number.

2. I believe the sacramental ordination of women as permanent deacons today would help strengthen the vitality of the Catholic Church.

	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	No Response	Total
<b>Total</b>	33%	67%			100%
<b>Gender</b>					100%
<b>Males</b>	5%	24%			
<b>Females</b>	28%	43%			
<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>40-50:</b> 14% <b>51-60:</b> 5%	<b>40-50:</b> 0% <b>51-60:</b> 24%			*101%
	<b>61-70:</b> 5% <b>71-80:</b> 5%	<b>61-70:</b> 19% <b>71-80:</b> 14%			
	<b>81+:</b> 5%	<b>81+:</b> 10%			

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3. Our parish is ready to receive women as preachers at Mass should it be allowed by the Vatican and our bishop.

	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	No Response	Total
<b>Total</b>	38%	52%	10%		100%
<b>Gender</b>			10%		100%
<b>Males</b>	5%	24%			
<b>Females</b>	33%	28%			
<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>40-50:</b> 14% <b>51-60:</b> 10% <b>61-70:</b> 5% <b>71-80:</b> 5% <b>81+:</b> 5%	<b>40-50:</b> 0% <b>51-60:</b> 10% <b>61-70:</b> 19% <b>71-80:</b> 14% <b>81+:</b> 10%	10%		*102%

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4. \*\*If it were authorized by the Church, I would consider discerning a personal call to the permanent diaconate.

	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	No Response	Total
<b>Total</b>	67%	10%	10%	14%	*101%
<b>Gender</b>			10%	14%	100%
<b>Males</b>	14%	5%			
<b>Females</b>	52%	5%			
<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>40-50:</b> 14% <b>51-60:</b> 24% <b>61-70:</b> 14% <b>71-80:</b> 10% <b>81+:</b> 5%	<b>40-50:</b> 0% <b>51-60:</b> 5% <b>61-70:</b> 0% <b>71-80:</b> 5% <b>81+:</b> 0%	10%	14%	*101%

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\*\* This was a poorly worded question. While implied, it did not specify if the question referred to males or females. In addition, it did not consider age. It is unknown whether the responses were based on the unqualified age of the respondent or the actual consideration of discerning a personal call to the diaconate.

5. I know Catholic women who I believe have gifts for the vocation and ministry of deacons.

	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	No Response	Total
<b>Total</b>	33%	52%	14%		*99%
<b>Gender</b>			14%		100%
<b>Males</b>	0%	24%			
<b>Females</b>	33%	29%			
<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>40-50:</b> 14% <b>51-60:</b> 14% <b>61-70:</b> 0% <b>71-80:</b> 5% <b>81+:</b> 0%	<b>40-50:</b> 0% <b>51-60:</b> 14% <b>61-70:</b> 14% <b>71-80:</b> 14% <b>81+:</b> 10%	14%		*99%

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