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Submitted Synthesis from Deanery Meeting

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There was widespread agreement on the following points:

- That there must be on-going prayer both individually and communally, this would be best served in devotions such as: Adoration, Rosaries and having parishes open for as long as possible to along people to come in and have personal prayer and reflection.

- There should be much opportunity at every level for learning and studying the faith. This would include: Bible study groups, Catechism classes, prayer groups and ideally there should be groups for different ages including children, youth and adults.

- Young people need to feel included, valued and involved in the faith and in their parishes and communities. There needs to be activities and clubs for them, for example, in Glasgow they have a Saturday club for young people.

- Pilgrimages and retreats should be offered again especially as covid restrictions are easing.

- Outreach programmes and events need to resume helping fellow parishioners and the wider community. Show support and give practical help to those that are returning to Mass as for some it may be nearly two years. Have welcoming committees to be a friendly presence to those returning and to newcomers.

- Organizing practical help for the community such as foodbanks, being involved in groups such as St. Vincent De Paul and news should be shared within the deanery so we can feel connected with what is going on in the wider area.

Good points which were made but not shared by the majority:

- Supporting and journeying with those who have suffered, particularly those who have suffered within the Church.

- The Eucharist should be more widely promoted as it is the source and summit of our faith.

- We need to recognise the abuse that was committed by some clergy and be open about the effects that this has had within the Church and outside of it.