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| **“Planning a way forward for Sheffield parishes” Questionnaire** |
| **1.Sunday Mass** Tick **one** of the following options: |
| I would be willing to travel to another church to celebrate Mass with a larger congregation on a Sunday. |  |
| It is important to me to celebrate Mass in my local church each Sunday.  |  |
| I don’t mind either option |  |
| Other – please specify---- |
| **2. The Priest** Tick **one** of the following options: |
| I would prefer to have the same priest who generally celebrates Mass with my faith community each week.  |  |
| I am happy to have 2 or more priests on a rota basis celebrating Mass with my faithcommunity. |  |
| I don’t mind either option |  |
| Other – please specify----- |
| **3.Worshipping Community –** Tick up to **three** of the statements that you agree with  |
| Worshipping with a larger community would be uplifting |  |
| Being part of a bigger worship group could offer more opportunity for youth worship,children’s liturgy etc. |  |
| Worshipping with others on a Sunday could be positive for local communities if work was put into encouraging local activities and worship during the week. |  |
| Worshipping with a larger community on a Sunday could have a negative effect on local churches |  |
| Involving laity more in activities can increase good will and enthusiasm. |  |
| It is important to ensure that priests devote their time to celebrating mass and caring for members’ spiritual welfare. Lay people will need to take on more responsibility |  |
| **4. Worries and concerns** Tick up to **four** of these statements that you agree with |
| Training and support must be available if lay people have to exercise responsibility for admin, outreach, organising activities, arranging meetings and worship |  |
| There will be few people in a faith community who are able to carry these responsibilities |  |
| People need to be supported through changes, e.g. changes of mass times. |  |
| Changes can result in parishioners leaving their local church. |  |
| Local transport links must be considered when changing parishes / mass times |  |
| Priests could become overstretched looking after two parishes and this could affect their health and well being. |  |
| Priests might have difficulty getting to know more than 2 parishes and the parishioners. |  |
| Priests might be less accessible and approachable if they are involved in more than 2 parishes |  |

Are there any other views/ comments which you want to be taken into account when decisions are made? (please use the other side of the paper.