
About this questionnaire

Forward Together in Hope is taking place across the whole of the Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It is about everyone, young and old, getting involved in thinking about and discussing what our Church should be like so that we can bring the Good News of God's love to others.

We are really keen to get views from young people aged 11-19, whether you are Catholic or not – and whether you go to church or not. We want to look at our Church through your eyes and want to learn from you. Please be as open and honest as you can. There are no right or wrong answers – only *your* answers. All answers are confidential and you do not need to give your name.

If you have any questions about this survey please contact Tony Sacco (tony.sacco@diocesehn.org.uk).

For full details about *Forward Together in Hope* please see www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk

Your consent (boring but necessary)

Please tick below to indicate you agree with the following statements:

- I understand that information from this survey will be used to inform the Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle about how the Church is viewed by young people.
- I understand that all information will be stored securely and that it will be used in reports about the *Forward Together in Hope* project.
- I understand that I can ask for further information about the survey (Contact details are provided above).
- I understand that completing this questionnaire is voluntary.

I accept the above statements and agree to take part in this survey.

About you

What is your gender?

- Male
 Female

How old are you?

What is the first part of your postcode? (e.g. NE12, DH5 etc.)

What is your current situation? (Please select **one** answer)

- I go to a Catholic school / college
 I go to another type of school / college
 I am a university student
 I am unemployed / unable to work
 I am in employment or training





Other – Please indicate here:

If you go to a Catholic school / college please tell us which one:

Which of the following statements apply to you? (Please select *all* answers that apply)

- I am baptised Catholic
- I have made my first Holy Communion
- I have been confirmed into the Catholic Church
- I consider myself to be a practising Catholic
- I consider myself to be a practising Christian other than Catholic
- I belong to a faith other than Christianity
- I consider myself to be a religious / spiritual person but do not belong to any particular organised religion
- I do not consider myself to be a religious / spiritual person
- I prefer not to say
- Other – Please explain here :

Please select *one* of the following

- I go to a Catholic Church most weekends  **PLEASE GO TO PART A**
 - I go to a Catholic Church at least once a month  **PLEASE GO TO PART A**
 - I used to go to a Catholic Church at least once a month but not any more  **PLEASE GO TO PART B**
 - I have never regularly attended a Catholic Church  **PLEASE GO TO PART C**
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Part A

Why do you go to church? (Please select *all* answers that apply)

- I enjoy the Mass
- I like being part of a Catholic Community
- I feel that I have to go because my family expects it
- I feel welcome there
- I feel uplifted by the experience
- I like to worship with other people
- I feel that it is a duty or obligation
- I worry about what will happen if I don't attend
- I prefer not to say
- Other – Please explain here:

Which church do you usually go to?

How involved would you say you are in the life of your parish?

Please use the scale 1-5 where 1 is 'Least Involved' and 5 is 'Most Involved'.

Least involved	1	2	3	4	5	Most Involved
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How much do you feel valued in your parish?

Please use the scale 1-5 where 1 is 'Not at all' and 5 is 'Very much'

Not at all	1	2	3	4	5	Very much
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How could your parish make you feel more included as part of the community?

What else could your parish do to bring the faith alive?

PLEASE GO TO PART C



Part B

Why did you stop going to church?

- Few people of my age attend
- I found it boring
- I was concerned about what my friends would think
- I did not feel welcome there
- I did not get anything from it
- I'd rather live out my faith in other ways
- My beliefs have changed
- There are no church activities that are relevant to young people
- I didn't like the priest
- I prefer not to say
- Other – Please explain here:

Which church did you used to go to most often?

How much did you feel valued in this parish?

Please use the scale 1-5 where 1 is 'Not at all' and 5 is 'Very much'

Not at all	1	2	3	4	5	Very much
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How could this parish make young people feel more included as part of the community?

Roughly how old were you when you stopped going to church regularly?

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PART C

Part C (For everyone to complete)



What do you think is good about the Catholic Church?

What things would you like to see more of in the Catholic Church?

What things would you like to see less of in the Catholic Church?

If you were Pope what changes would you make to the Catholic Church?

What (if anything) might encourage you to become involved or more involved in Church life?

(Please select *all* answers that apply)

- Social activities just for young people
- Church services that are more relevant to young people
- More people my age being involved
- A personal invite to attend activities
- More links with young people in other churches
- More activities that put faith into practice (eg practical support/fundraising for those in need)
- More modern music
- Nothing
- Other – Please explain here:

What school-based faith activities are / were most helpful to you? (Please tick *all* answers that apply)

- School Masses
- Assemblies
- Class prayer
- Youth Ministry Team (YMT) activities
- Days of Reflection
- Retreats
- Practical projects / fundraising to support other people
- Religious Education (RE) lessons
- Other services / liturgies / prayer experiences
- The support of the school Chaplain
- None
- Other – Please explain here:

What else could your school do or have done to help bring faith alive?

Please indicate if you have heard of and/or have been involved with any of the following:

Activity	Heard of? (please tick)	Involved with? (please tick)
Youth Ministry Team (YMT)		
Youth Village		
Retreats		
Festivals		
'God Camp'		
Flame		
Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage		
Faith 15 / Faith 13		
Pope John Paul II Award		
The Source		
Diocesan Youth Council		

Please use the space below to give us any further comments or ideas or to ask any questions about this questionnaire or the Catholic Church.

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your views are very much appreciated.

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***Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel,
to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.***