

## RESULTS OF SURVEY AS OF APRIL 6, 2019

*The following is an informal summary of the results of the survey sent recently to members of the Passionist family by the Community Working Group preparing for the Provincial Chapter. It is provided for your information. Our thanks to all who answered the survey (59 responses)!*

### *The Community Working Group*

1. Background information:

1. Are you a vowed 26 or lay member 30 of the Passionist family?
2. If a vowed member, how many vowed Passionists live in your local community 7?
3. If lay, manner of affiliation: employee or staff 11; friend 13; CP Partner 3; other formation alum 12; parish 3.
4. Is your community attached to a retreat center 23? Or stand-alone 8; parish: 10; Other 23.
5. What impels you to seek community within the Passionist family? Check all that apply:
  - a sense of isolation experienced in current society 3
  - the mission of the Passionist charism 39
  - the opportunity to lead a deeper Christian life with others 30
  - calling 23;
  - Other 15

6. What activities do you consider most essential for Passionist community life?

Please rank:

1. 41 Living in same residence.
  2. 45 Shared charism and sense of mission.
  3. 40 Daily Eucharist together.
  4. 40 Common prayer of the hours.
  5. 43 Shared meals.
  6. 43 Shared recreation in common.
  7. 43 Faith sharing.
  8. 46 Regular community meetings.
  9. 40 Active leadership on part of a superior or leader
  10. 40 Simplicity of life
7. If a vowed member, does your local Passionist community have regular participation in aspects of its life by lay persons? Please list all way this occurs:
- e.g., 18 Eucharist and/or common prayer
- 19 shared ministry
- 14 Social life.
- 2 Community meetings
- 21 Employee; frequent volunteer
- 4 Other [please indicate]

8. If you are a lay member of the Passionist family, describe the level of your involvement in a local Passionist Community. Do you dream of more involvement; if so, in what ways?

Sharing liturgy and meal 8  
Faith sharing 3

9. What do you find is the most satisfying aspect of your Passionist community life (vowed or lay)?

Bonds of friendship 20  
Shared charism 12  
Shared mission 7  
Sharing in liturgy and prayer 14

10. What is the greatest obstacle to building community in your local Passionist community? (vowed or lay).

Busyness; lack of time 20  
No common vision 6  
Aging membership 6  
Lack of communication 2  
Television 1

11. What do you think would be the most helpful action on the part of Holy Cross Province to improve the quality of Passionist community life?

Provide more opportunities for laity to share in CP community life: 12  
(e.g.'s cited: liturgies, prayer, meals, yearly retreats)  
Re-commitment to living in community 3  
Workshop on how to live in community 1

12. What could the upcoming Chapter do to improve Passionist community life?

Intensify lay formation  
Urge more collaboration between lay and vowed Passionists  
Offer examples of collaboration  
Encouragement & mutual support (we are on the right track)  
Clarify meaning of community