

***The diverse fruits & insights of the synodal experience & discernment
among the people of the diocese***

Music group of St. Alphonse Church Luxembourg

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The reading of John 8:1-11 (The woman caught in the act of adultery) and the role of music were at the core of the discussion

About the reading of the Gospel

- Compassion rather than judgment should inspire the work of the Church even if this means going against the practice
- By not judging and keeping the door open to anybody, wherever they are in their life, we are closer to Jesus. God look at the state of our heart and not to what we have done
- Importance of reconciliation

About music

- Music keeps connected to the spirit
- It is a personal way of expression that keeps connected
- It enhances the power of prayer
- It is a path towards God especially for young people
- Music can bridge the gap between confirmation and adulthood
- Music can revive the life of parishes that are otherwise dead
- Re-start practices interrupted during Covid, e.g. young people having their own Mass
- Include young people in the music group during the Sunday Mass
- **Young people need spaces** not only for catechesis, but also to meet, make music and share their views on the world and grow together. If not in St. Alphonse in other spaces offered by the Diocese
- Music can also integrate elderly people

About community

- Relaunch oratories where families and animators can support the priest in organizing activities for young people
- Welcoming new members and support each other when in need
- Re-start welcoming and garden parties that stopped during Covid
- Remain open to newcomers from whatever tradition and countries (Luxembourg Church and St Alphonse are an encouraging example)

About the “Word”

- Bible studies for children and adults, led by persons inspired by the Holy Spirit and accompanied by open discussion about how the word is received and its relevance in our lives
- Discussion proved to be the best part of confirmation preparation

About women, marriage, gender and seminary education

- Acceptance and choice. There should not be political discussion about these issues, but simply inclusion however we have been called to live
- Women's work is not acknowledged by the hierarchy
- Women can better advise on family and marriage and they will have to be accorded priesthood
- Seminary education should be revised accordingly