

LISTENING SESSION REFLECTIONS

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1) What should the church's relationship be toward divorced and remarried Catholics or those cohabitating outside of sacramental marriage?

2) What are your thoughts on birth control and the use of contraception?

3) What should the Church's relationship be with lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender persons?

4) What other concerns do you have about the Church's stance on sexual issues?

5) What message do you want to send to our local bishop? To Pope Francis?

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- 1) Describe what family means to you in your lived experience.

- 2) In what ways do you find grace in these experiences?

- 3) In what ways do Church teachings or practices support you in these areas? In what ways do Church teachings or practices hinder or hurt you?

- 4) How does this affect your life? How does this affect your relationship with the Catholic Church?

- 5) What teachings or practices, if any, would better help you in your family, marital, or sexual experience to grow spiritually, living as a Christian who is helping to bring about the Reign of God?