



CONVERSATION AND CONSULTATION-PART II, WINTER-SPRING 2023

Facilitator Guide

Conversation and Consultation Meeting

Facilitator Notes in *Purple Italic*

1. **Opening Prayer** *Welcome and thank participants; Invite them to recite this prayer together:*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth. Amen.

2. **Review of Purpose and Process** *To share reflectively our responses to the “Apostolic Directions and Questions” in support of the Province Apostolic Planning, and to inform the agenda for the June Conversation and Consultation meeting at Loyola Marymount University,*

3. **Sharing I:** Participants are invited to share, at will, the fruits of their reflection. While one member is sharing, others listen attentively, noting what they are hearing and feeling.

NB: *Participants are asked to refrain from making any responses, either of agreement or disagreement, or from asking any questions during this part of the meeting.*

Participants are invited to share at will “from the floor” with no expectation that all will choose to share; participants are asked to share only once during this round. About 50% of the time given for the meeting should be allotted to this round.

4. **Sharing II:** Participants are invited to share, at will, their experience of listening to others:
 - a. What did I hear that excited me? Consoled me? Challenged me?
 - b. What themes in common did I notice in the sharing?
 - c. What did I learn from others? What insights occur to me?

NB: *Participants are asked to limit their sharing to what was heard in the first round only, and to refrain from responding directly or making “counter-arguments” to another person’s sharing.*

Participants are invited to share at will “from the floor” with no expectation that all will choose to share; participants are asked to share only once during this round. About 30% of the time given for the meeting should be allotted to this round.

5. **Review:** Group members are invited to reflect back on the sharing that has taken place during your meeting and seek agreement on these two questions:

- a. How would we summarize our responses to the Apostolic Directions?
- b. What suggestions do we want to offer to the Province as we continue apostolic planning?

Participants are invited to share at will “from the floor” with no expectation that all will choose to share; participants may share multiple times, but the facilitator should ensure that no person(s) dominate this discussion, and that all have had a chance to share once before someone shares multiple times. About 20% of the time given for the meeting should be allotted to this round.

After asking the reporter if they have sufficient information to submit a report, thank everyone for their participation and sharing.