1. How well do you think the Catholic Church's teaching on the value of the family is understood by Catholics today? Well 8 Partly 19 Hardly 11 Not at all 1 X 2

2. How well do you think the Church’s teaching on sexuality and family life reflects the teaching of Jesus?

Well 8 Partly 21 Hardly 9 Not at all 2 X 1

3. How well do you understand the meaning of the term: Natural Law

Well 7 Partly 10 Hardly 9 Not at all 15 X 0

4. Do those you speak with have any sympathy with the Church in the way that it tries to uphold the sanctity of marriage? Well 13 Partly 16 Hardly 7 Not at all 3 X 2

5. Do those you speak with have any sympathy with the Church in the way that it tries to uphold the sanctity of human life? Well 13 Partly 24 Hardly 0 Not at all 1 X 2

6. How well do you think the Church understands the complexity of modern family life?

Well 7 Partly 12 Hardly 18 Not at all 3 X 0

7. How sympathetic do you think the Church is towards the difficult decisions people face about the number of children to have? Well 1 Partly 12 Hardly 14 Not at all 13 X 1

8. Is the Church fair and realistic in expecting people to only use natural methods of birth control?

Yes 5 No 36 X 1

9. Do you think that couples should follow their own conscience in deciding what is appropriate for them when it comes to family planning? Yes 37 No 3 X 1

10. Are there people in your own family who live together without being married? Yes 33 No 8

11. Are there people in your family who are now married who lived together before they got married?

Yes 36 No 5

12. Do you think there are circumstances where it is appropriate for people to live together before they get married? Yes 27 No 12 X 2

13. How well do you think the Church responds to the difficulties faced by people who are separated and divorced? Well 1 Partly 10 Hardly 18 Not at all 10 X 2

14. Would you welcome more flexibility in allowing those who have divorced and remarried to take a full part in the sacramental life of the Church? Yes 39 No 1 X 1

15. Do you think that the Church can reasonably expect homosexual couples to live their lives without a sexual relationship? Yes 10 No 31

16. Do you think that homosexual couples should be able to have a civil recognition for their partnerships? Yes 26 No 14 X 1

17. Do you think that the introduction of civil marriage for homosexual couples is a reasonable thing in a secular society? Yes 17 No 23 X 1

19. Would you support the introduction of some form of blessing for homosexual couples in long term relationships? Yes 21 No 19 X 1

20. How would you rate the general attitude of the different elements of church and society in the following situations?

a. Attitude of my diocese toward marriage equality for same sex couples:

Hostile and Condemning 9 Barely Sympathetic 8 Neutral 11

Partially Supportive 2 Pastorally Understanding 3 Fully Supportive 0 X 1

b. Attitude of my parish community toward marriage equality for same sex couples:

Hostile and Condemning 5 Barely Sympathetic 6 Neutral 11

Partially Supportive 3 Pastorally Understanding 8 Fully Supportive 0 X 1

c. Attitude of society toward marriage equality for same sex couples:

Hostile and Condemning 2 Barely Sympathetic 5 Neutral 7

Partially Supportive 16 Pastorally Understanding 4 Fully Supportive 4 X 3

21. How appropriate is the quality of education in sexuality given to children in Catholic schools?

Very 1 Reasonably 6 Inadequate 14 Poor 3 X 15

22. Please indicate your age group:

(16-25) 0 (25-40) 4 (40-60) 7 (60+) 30

Additional individual comments:

* Our parish is more understanding pastorally than the Diocese/Official Church Teaching
* Re Question 8 on natural family planning: perhaps guidelines rather than edicts would help. Setting an ideal to be aimed for rather than an insistence on sin.
* I worry that the Church’s attitude on sexuality is alienating people, but I do not know the answer. It has to be addressed if the Church is to fulfil its caring role fully.
* I don’t always feel that I know what the Catholic Church’s teaching on these issues actually is.
* As a global organization the church should be more supportive of birth control in developing nations. This is especially important in countries beset with high infant mortality, war and HIV
* Teaching of religious education in Catholic primary, junior and secondary schools is poor.
* On the Church’s teaching about the divorced and remarried: Canon 1650 needs to be properly explained to couples in that situation.

There were 41 responses – for each question **X** = the number that didn’t reply to this particular question