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1	This was honest and inclusive. There is more “good news” than bad in our Diocese, but we hear and see the bad more often.	Being utterly open to everyone and their feedback. Our Church has room for everyone, including those disadvantaged, insecure and hurt. Let us <i>LISTEN</i> (a gong for Bishop Michael for having listened to the hurting people).
2	To do my “bit”, realising my limitations due to ill-health and age.	Prayer, persistence, patience and accepting the humanity of the Church community.
3		Asking high school students in Catholic schools how they think we can get young people back to Church.
4	I am encouraged by the vision of so many young people involved in the activities of our Church. There is a real sense of cross- generational involvement.	Accepting and fostering the necessity of the “we” and the “togetherness” of our Church.
5	Please – more about outreach ministries, e.g. refugees, prisons, indigenous, bereaved, etc.	Finding out what is being done in these and other outreach activities.
6	Diversity – welcome the recognition of diversity within our Diocese. Encourage the recognition of diversity within the Church.	Being welcome to diversity and avoiding the instinct to try to control it.
7	Accepts us.	Maintain what we have – show that we need the Diocese.
8	The dynamics of the Diocese:- ➤ Schools and children; ➤ Religious; ➤ People who have journeyed; ➤ Challenges, joys and celebrations.	Being people of mission.
9	We thank God that, as Church, we are following in Jesus’ footsteps through the ordinary joys and pains of daily life. We carry our Diocesan cross, as did Jesus. Resurrection, always people of hope and life.	Each of us being the best Christian person we can be in response to our baptism. By taking the best from our past and living in trust for the future. Making more of our Eucharist through celebration and hospitality. Trying to understand where young people are coming from and accepting them for their basic goodness as fellow Christians. Care and service always.
10	Church is vibrant, diverse, full of wonderful people doing God’s work throughout the Diocese.	Working as one, not all as different groups. Working for the good of all God’s faithful.
11	That there are many aspects of the Church in our Diocese – some very positive things, great achievements but also many	Facing up to the issues and problems, particularly the abuse by clergy, and dealing with the problems openly and with a view o the

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	challenges and issues.	future. Accepting change and being part of it.
12	Lots of people, youth and their differences. Celebrations. Our institutions (churches, schools). The public view of our Church set by media snapshots.	Recognising change and allowing it into our Church. The decentralisation of knowledge/information/power in our Governments and social structures is a sign of our times – so is the need for individual forms of expression.
13	Negative! Mary MacKillop was not in our Diocese nor did she found our Sisters of St Joseph. Images of our children who, at least in their secondary school, are not taught to carry on their faith. A tired, unenthusiastic Bishop.	An enthusiastic leader. Priests who want to shepherd their people. Believing and acting as they preach. We need much prayer. We need our clergy to welcome foreign priests – the people want them so we can continue to have regular Mass. We need to proclaim our beliefs to <i>all</i> in our Hunter – as a parish and as a Diocese.
14	That I am more aware of being part of a vibrant Church.	More open discussion about what is needed – then action!!
15	Community. Embracing diversity. Being Catholic is a different feeling for each person.	Removing the negativity in self – being joyful and spreading hope.
16	Vibrant Church, responsive to needs. Complex and compassionate. Hope despite difficulties and pain. Mary MacKillop seen as a role model.	Listening to and responding to local needs. Providing the formation to help parishes be active, compassionate and hospitable. Personally/communally responding to our call to be disciples of Jesus with communion at heart.
17	Reality of our Church community – our troubles, our achievements. Two powerful images: a young man with longing in his eyes; a worried Bishop Michael – the struggle.	Acknowledging our present situation, remembering where we have come from. Knowing that the spirit will continue to lead us, that we are part of a community greater than ourselves. Mary MacKillop pray for us, a recurring theme.
18	How human is this Church of ours!!	Acknowledging this humanity and paying more attention to the everyday human needs and achievements/blessings of those around us.
19	The fruit of the works of the Church is evident in the joyful communal celebrations and individual joy in the eyes of people. This is the fruit of the work of the Church in all its areas. It outshines the darkness of the evil actions of some. This is the fruit of the good priestly and lay ministerial work that is hidden.	Being clever at building ministries within our communities by:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Actively discovering the gifts and passions people have in ministry areas; ➤ Cultivating and maturing that passion through education, training and practice and networking; ➤ Opening that passion up to the wider community through parish, diocese and ecumenical celebration, so that we can become “the light of the world” – Feast Days of Parishes,

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		processions, gatherings, where the public can see our light. Art galleries of work by our diocesan people.
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Variety of people who are Church today; ➤ Ageing of Bishop, priests and religious – who is to follow? ➤ Goodwill expressed in participation; ➤ The intrusive presence of the sins of the past (and present); ➤ Place of the young; catholic schools; their activity and place in our Church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inviting and welcoming others to belong; ➤ Acknowledging, with humility, the sinfulness of the Church and the constant need for reconciliation and forgiveness; ➤ Look to new ways of being Church by addressing the needs of our time and place.
21	Good and not so good happenings. Happiness and love, and some sadness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication – spread happiness and a loving feeling; ➤ Welcoming – speak about faith and good things; ➤ Be involved; ➤ Be accepting of others. Accept that not everyone has the same talents and skills.
22	Hopeful individuals can make a difference to the collective good. Each person comes with their own unique set of experiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seeing our challenges as opportunities; ➤ Drawing on the talents of individuals; ➤ Affirming and truly empowering the laity.
23	The diversity of our faith reaching out to so many. Still more needs to be done to bring parents of SRE children back to Church.	Evangelisation with music and song.
24	Summary of recent events.	Actively connecting with the 90% of Catholics who do not attend Mass. Are they represented at the Gathering and was anything done to invite them along?
25	Pray to the Holy Spirit that we could all be together in prayer, all over the World.	Prayers and smiles.
26	Togetherness, education, liturgy, our gifts, our origins, nature, caring, ritual, order.	Using our gifts, being open to change encourage each other.
27	The involvement of aged and youth in our DVD. Youth predominated – encouraged by school. But where is our youth and young married in our Sunday faith liturgies?	Involving our youth/young parents by personal invitation – responsibilities in liturgy. Not only in Youth Saturday Night Mass. Great to see the youth involved at this Gathering.
28	Excitement! We have moved forward (question – have we done it together?). Gratitude for giftedness in diocese. Gratitude for past and present. Daring for future.	A more “communion” effort. Having the belief that we are the Church, seen, experienced and appreciated by all. What we are and do is in response to our baptismal call – not for our own

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		individual “kingdoms”.
29	My Church, my home – life and love. Thank you Bishop Michael for your love, compassion and strength.	Acting always with love as our centre, that all will say of the Maitland Newcastle Diocese “see how these Christians love one and other”.
30	A good snapshot of the Diocese, highlighting its joys, sorrows and challenges. Most obvious is a sense of joy in our celebrations and in our outreach to others.	Breaking down parish barriers and celebrating more as a Diocese. Ensuring that we are a serving Church in Bishop Ingham’s concepts – not being caught up with ownership but in caring for what God has provided us.
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uncertainty for the future; ➤ Where there’s a will, there’s a way; ➤ Hope. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coming together/pushing boundaries; ➤ Creating a legacy for tomorrow’s Church. “Many of the greatest achievements of the world were accomplished by tired and discouraged people who kept on working”.
32	I am hopeful! There is so much good in this world through Church. Although I know there are a lot of negatives within because of our past sins, we have the Grace of God to get us through.	Reaching out to our young families, the children and the youth. Make our liturgies more vibrant through music. Fill our churches again with joy. All must be done first by prayer and discernment of the spirit, and then we must act!
33	Joy and innocence of youth when worshipping. Presence of schools in church, presence of families and children in church. Sadness over conflict in church.	Being a positive, active, united church. Others need to see this. We should be “proud and loud” of our good works.
34	Reflections on the needs and problems and faith of today in this our Catholic community.	Being positive and not giving up, no matter how difficult the situation may be.
35	The central part of the Diocese was shown. The parishes did not seem to be shown.	Not sure – a new wave has to come through.
36	Challenged yet hopeful.	Sharing the light, love and celebration.
37	Joy, smiling faces!	Being aware of our God given gifts and being willing to share those joyfully.
38	Hope, sadness, pride and puzzlement.	Acknowledging the strengths of each other and building on these.
39	There were lots of photos of old people, lots of photos of school kids, some professional type people and only 2-3 photos of anybody else in between.	Encouraging the participation of young people in all areas of church life, not only in certain areas i.e. music. Be open to young people’s ways of working, thinking and contributing.
40	It left me with the feeling that the Diocese is the Cathedral and the instrumentalities CatholicCare, CSO, etc.	The fundamental building block in Australia and much of the world is the Diocese and its parishes. That model needs to be

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		strengthened or, if found impossible, replaced (many difficulties).
41	Community shows happiness and joy in people. Youth like to be involved where there is inclusivity, focus, joy and vision. Although bad news/events have been baggage we have had to carry over the past few years, we still have hope in our Diocese.	Being community. Allow inclusivity of people in our regions in moving forward decisions. Listening, caring, reaching out, hope in Christ. Leadership and structure whose positive motivation and joy flows down the chain to the people in our churches, schools and people on the street.
42	Wonder, awe, love for our young people, gratitude to our ancestors in faith.	Fostering our young with love. Collaboration. Communication, humility, vulnerability, acceptance with joy.
43	Too loud! Very lightweight.	Having an open microphone from the beginning. We have been talked to too much. Bring in the young people from car parking duties.
44	There is a possibility for a vibrant Church in our Diocese but a change in attitude and outlook would be needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No longer giving lip service to schools and parishes working together; ➤ The future of our Church is in our children; ➤ Being Catholic is not just attending Mass on Sunday. It must be whole of life, and lived.
45	Both sadness and hope. Sadness at the walking away by so many, but hope in the energy, enthusiasm and innocence of the youth of our Diocese.	How we live and relate to one and other in our daily lives – by being the face, hands, feet and heart of Christ for others.
46	We must encourage our youth and young children through involvement, get them to participate and give them responsibility.	Involve people of all ages. Be open with presentations. Be positive with presentations. Encourage Gathering to be involved. Discussion within groups.
47	We have a great diversity of people spread far and wide yet have a special inclusivity.	Rekindling and recapturing the power of WYD and continuing the efforts of schools (but how?)
48	Happiness is God's love shared.	Practicing what we preach everyday and not just on Sundays. Respecting each others' differences with dignity.
49	I would have liked us to be seen in a World context. There was lots of openness in the scenes.	Being open and honest.
50	I have just finished reading Mary MacKillop's story by Paul Gardiner and for the first time realised why she is a saint – complete trust in God despite enormous difficulties, complete belief in what God meant her to do and an overriding intense	Continuing to show the world what Christianity is meant to be.

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	prayer life. Therefore the video was very meaningful for me with its background hymn and reference to Mary. Our Diocese faces difficulties as shown in the video. Yet, like Mary, we continue. We rejoice, pray, baptise, we celebrate the sacraments. We don't lose focus, we trust God, we pray together.	
51	Great looking back and the number of children. But, we must pray harder that the spirit will cause some kind of revolution commencing at the top.	Acknowledging women more within the Church. Appointing younger Bishops to have some meaning to the younger generation which seems to be missing, and for those Bishops to appoint the Cardinals.
52	Mary of the Cross is a great inspiration for the Church now for young and old. The music was very uplifting. We need something like this at our parish Mass. The Youth of Newcastle were half portrayed. The young who are addicted to drugs and alcohol need our help. The Church in our Diocese needs a great ??? in the Holy Spirit.	A mighty renewal in the Holy Spirit. Use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1. Corinthians 12 Isaiah. We need knowledge of prayer life to be deepened. Lots of us need bible study to learn about Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit. Is there sin anymore? Sins need to be taught at our schools. Do we compromise everything, our faith and all? Special attention to the Eucharist. We receive very little on the Body and Blood of Christ. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament needs to be further developed. We need help to bring our parish life to Christ through ????? We need to further respond to Christ and the Holy Spirit and his healing power. How to be Church? – love one and other. Stop the blaming game of Adam and Eve – own up and count our blessings.
53	Visionaries of the past leading and inspiring the youth of today.	Acknowledging the strength and resolve , the failings, the weaknesses and move forward together while not forgetting where we have been.
54	It was way too loud. It all seemed to be focusing on our past. It was great to see the different cultures we are moving together with but where are we and where are we going?	Focusing on building youth groups for our children from Year 7 to Year 12. There is very little to interest our children and to keep them there.
55	Within the Diocesan and Parish offices there is an awareness of the wonderful diversity of our Church. This is not acknowledged or appreciated by the people in the pews or by the broader community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Closer liaison with schools – real follow-up to the “Crossroads” document from a couple of years ago; ➤ Development of liturgy teams that are representative of and are aware of what being Church today actually means.
56	From birth to death – good things are happening in all areas.	Continuing to be involved and engaging with others in our own community and welcoming the “unchurched”.

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57	Over-emphasis on youth. Very Newcastle oriented – would have been more inclusive with content from smaller parishes.	
58	Diversity! Sadness – the abandonment of our elderly. Not all Catholics are good Catholics, but they are just as valuable to God and our Church – the poor, single mums, mentally ill, drug and alcohol victims...	Ensure that all Catholics are able, encouraged and warmly welcomed to participate in having a role. Stewardship, ownership, self worth and dedication will follow.
59	Excellent!	Working together. Honest, faith, tolerance, prayer, belief in ourselves, charity. Schools have lost it! Not enough training for RE teachers.
60	Concern! The video over-emphasised young people and youth. Where are they (in the parishes and at this Gathering)? Baptism – sign of hope – this hope partially stifled by clergy abuse. Embracing our differences – do we? Financial collapse. Welcoming smile of Bishop Michael compared to “old” Michael.	Being a real Church (warts and all). Only after ALL of us (clergy especially) will own our journey of joy and destruction can we go forward. If not, we are living a lie. No more pompous overseeing – rather, a real living of gifts (the real Eucharist).
61	The Church, like the world in which it functions, consists of highs and lows, sin and grace, life and death.	Admitting the wrongs of the past, acknowledging our powerlessness and being open to the promptings of a loving God, as He takes us down a new/different path.
62	I feel heartened by the vision of Church captured here in the video.	
63	Pleasant to be reminded of our heritage. How things change, yet stay the same.	Change – chaos if need be!!
64	Bittersweet memories, the importance of human relationships in expressing the love of God.	Building on and increasing the quality of our relationships as the people of God who have something very good to share with the world.
65	Beautiful images of past events/ Very faith filled and loving. What we have been. Hopefully we are able to take this forward.	Prayer for action to take us forward. We seem to have exhausted all the answers. If the feeling of faith in this room could be bottled maybe we could administer it! The cross is our sign!
66	School kids, aged care highlights – who else/what else is the Diocese? Spoke of the reality of our present empty shell – where are the young adults and middle aged? A moment of decision – past or future life?	By reaching out to those hurt and disillusioned – by us, the Church.
67	That this Gathering should have been held over until the new	Promoting a culture of vocation in Maitland-Newcastle. By having

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	Bishop comes.	a plan that looks to the long term (20+ years). What is wrong in Maitland-Newcastle will not be fixed in 3-5 years.
68	Gratitude, joy and hope. Participation of youth. Acknowledging past mistakes. Sense of belonging. Lack of numbers now at church. The toll past years have taken on our Bishop, how grateful we all should be for his leadership.	Engaging our school children while at school. As too much school is Church. Need to have them to love their faith. Making liturgy more meaningful.
69	Caring, reaching out. Love for our God.	Sharing our time and showing our love and concern for all in our parishes.
70	Good news is no news! Only bad news is reported. The beauty of youth and the beauty of the aged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sharing our successes and failures across parishes and the Diocese. We can all learn from them; ➤ Reporting our good works in the media to give a balanced picture; ➤ Realising that we must change because the world has changed.
71	We need to move forward with communities in community.	Reading the signs of the times.
72	Where are the images of the poor, the downtrodden, the lost, the mission?	All finding somewhere where we can give and gain nourishment to keep on giving.
73	Youth, vitality, commitment, life, energy, diversity, hope, dying, age, scandal, rut, "stuckness".	Looking outside of the square of Church structures (present and past). Listen and consult. Creating an inclusive, less structured Church.
74	Centralisation, performances, "ain't we good", patronising parishes.	If we can be really inclusive. Let's try to find a spirit for the Diocese. Bishop Peter said "everyone has talents". We don't need them to be managed (killed) by present bureaucracy.
75	Yes, the Church is the beauty of God's people, as depicted with our sinfulness.	If we again become a people with a sense of mission and are empowered by local initiative.
76	Hope in the youthful scenes. The beauty of the diocesan terrain, the cathedral and the liturgies. The cross in our ageing Bishop and clerical abuse scandal.	Tie the hope in youth to the assembly to give it new hope and youthful enthusiasm through movements like Teen Life (starting in Blackbutt Region). Appealing liturgies.
77	To keep going. Respect the traditions and learn from those who walked before us. Gain confidence from their stories and keep the energy moving.	Using our history and story to gather confidence and renewal (motivation) to embark on a profound and creative journey FORWARD (with our children, who are the future).
78	All encompassing activities of care of children, youth, mid years	Broadening outreach to youth to carry the faith, especially from

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	and aged.	secondary school, through university, to marriage.
79	Very moving and very touching. Lots of emotions.	Being united as one.
80	Sharing, participating, celebrations.	Engage young people.
81	Unity, faith and hope. Where were the men/boys in the presentation?	Listening to the vibes and comments of ALL people, therein looking for answers by working together in discussion, with patience and understanding.
82	Bishop Michael sad and worried. People missing in church.	More praying together. We must leave the ???? or people will live a hell on earth.
83	That there is much to come to terms with, accept and address.	Harnessing the energies and commitment of so many people of God (lay) in real, effective ways. If mistakes are made, it will be no different.
84	Very emotional – a caring community. Well put together.	Putting love in our hearts, helping each other the way our Lord has taught us. Using our gifts to support our Church to make it shine like a beacon so that people will be drawn into His flock.
85	It was good to reflect on past events.	Living the life of togetherness. Loving and action. Letting go of ourselves and learning to give.
86	We are a mixed bag as a diocese. Sad to see CatholicCare sold. Other great images.	Continuing to focus on the strength of the Catholic schools. We need a coordinated plan – clergy, schools and parishes. Highlighting our “good news” – e.g. the Mary MacKillop story. Outreach.
87	Modern Church and songs. Getting more children involved.	More social events.
88	The video portrayed a great mixture of all ages being Church, all the good and not so good parts of being Church, being human, all the joy, hope and sorrow of what real life is all about.	Now we have acknowledged the not so good parts we need to leave the past where it is, learn from it and move forward with hope. This can only happen by learning from the past and by each person developing a closer union with God and with each other – a spirituality of conversion so that we can then step out with hope for the future. Help people to see their own goodness.
89	Richness. Diversity. Gifts. Faith. All are children of God, young and old. Sharing of our talents, especially our time. Blessing of resources at our disposal – people, land, buildings etc.	Giving time. Accepting what individuals can give. Committing to something small – as a start. Letting the Divine do the rest to lead us. Doing things where our children can participate. Praying more as a community. Seeking out the poor, marginalised – not waiting for them to come to the Church. Trying new things – being open

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		to receive new ideas from others.
90	A wonderful presentation portraying the Church's goodness and grief. I could empathise with much of it – Church as it is, led by our courageous Bishop.	Remaining true to and seeing our future emerging from within us individually. By being true to what God has written on our hearts to live the witness and spread the part of the Good News to which God has called us and entrusted to us like St Mary MacKillop did.
91	I see in the presentation a people, the people of God, journeying together through happy and sad times – but, together through thick and thin.	We need to admit and acknowledge our real situation and not bury our heads in the sand. In all this we rely on the presence of God through the Holy Spirit in humility and seeking healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.
92	It represented youth and women (especially at the start) but where is our youth? How does the Church acknowledge women?	Allowing youth to produce our leaders and leadership. Enabling women to have a greater presence. Outreach is the door through which the Church can be renewed.
93	Sharing gifts, skills and resources. Church is people, loving and caring, reaching out to the wider community. Empty Church! Youth Involvement.	Encouraging others to become involved. Give people a feeling of belonging. Be welcoming. Liturgy for children and hymns.
94	Thanks for being part of the history of this Catholic region. For the opportunity to be part of something bigger than I am, for the gifts that I am able to share.	Listening to the Spirit and challenging the past, not in recrimination, but as an opportunity to learn from the mistakes. Having a clear vision of where we want to be and a plan on how to get there.
95	Feeling a great sense of pride to have witnessed the faith and caring of people involved in the video and thankful to have been able to share with them.	Taking part in days like today and others on a smaller scale in our own parish. We are learning all the time to strengthen our faith.
96	We have a great deal to celebrate. There is hope. We do recognise that this is not perfect but we still believe in the Word of God.	Brining more together to celebrate. Promote more the 'good' stories. Give more credit to our children – they are the future but they can't do it on their own.
97	Simplistic. Proud to be part of it. Jesus not so evident. Inclusiveness, loving, sharing, education, Sisters of Mercy – where?	We need grandmothers. Make baptism really important. Schools can be of great influence if we make them so.
98	A need to open our eyes to not only what is in front of us, but also what is our past and to be our future. To acknowledge the mistakes of our past, the reoccurrence of these in the present, in order to rectify the future. Lots of children therefore must	Learning to listen to your heart. It is much easier to ignore the things that we know are wrong, especially if we must make any sacrifices to stand up for the wrong. This is part of the cross we all must carry. If we listen to our heart, act on the wrong and

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	consider their future needs. We brought them into this world to feed them 'love', not just the basic needs. Feed the soul from a very early age, not material needs.	make genuine sacrifices, we will feed our soul and grow into better people. Don't fear what we know is right, good and loving. (The pain we may feel through acting through love is a beautification of our soul. Do this for love, not for rewards.)
99	Pain/sadness at reminders of abuse and media; gratitude for obvious goodness everywhere; hope that our Church will come through this and be hope for our world in Jesus.	All of us striving to be what we are called to be as Jesus' disciples, keeping our focus on Jesus, trusting in the Spirit.
100	Powerful and moving, World Youth Day – Hope, sadness at abuse cover-up. Compassion for those hurt/Bishop Michael.	Openness and acceptance of all, listen and support youth, they are our future. Create belonging amongst all (lonely, ostracised, marginalised). Eradicate bullying from schools
101	Good beginning to the day.	Dialogue and collaboration.
102	Happiness and community	
103	Like and 'body of people' they have good and bad times. It's very positive that we can acknowledge both.	Let's celebrate the good, learn from the past mistakes or errors and remain positive in all things – not dwell and lament.
104	Gave me a sense of hope. Even though all is not good and right, much that is positive was presented. Mary MacKillop – a great mentor.	Staying positive, deleting criticism (especially of priests), encouraging our young, each doing his/her best in the various parishes.
105	Powerful and emotional. The World Youth Day cross held up by the hands of the young – symbolic of the cross we are all carry but hope prevails. We have to build up a vibrant Church, reaching out to the young and old.	Acknowledge the hurt but moving on by reaching out to all, building strong and vibrant faith communities where everyone is welcome and nourished and never lose sight of the hope and joy. There is so much for us to rejoice about.
106	Hope for the future.	Listening to the needs of all groups in our community including the marginalised. Having the courage to stand up for what we believe. Showing hospitality to all – nurturing a sense of (belonging) identity in the whole community of the faithful.
107	There is a lot happening in the Diocese just now – some good, some not so good. Happiness, frustration, hurt and hope.	Working together. Seeing the good things that others are doing. Reminding. Recognising the good work we are doing ourselves.
108	Belonging to something bigger than myself that has nurtured and guided over a life time. What can I give back?	Depending on each other. Being unafraid of our humanity. Have a good sense of humour. Build on our strengths. Be honest about our weaknesses. Be more open to difference.
109	We recognise our history, warts and all. Our heroes and our ogres as illustrated. Pleasing to see recognition of recent	Treasuring our past, acknowledging our failures and our achievements. Looking forward in hope and faith, reaching out to

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	failures (clerical misconduct) but also the achievements in education and health care.	the poor and marginalised.
110	Highlights our need for community and its benefit in our lives. Prayer needed on our journey (the Lord's help needed)	Our prayer life, communal and private, be encouraged and enlivened.
111	The images encompassed some breadth of the groups that exist across the Diocese, e.g. schools, parishes. Acknowledgement of failures was important. What else do we do to reach out, e.g. St Vincent de Paul; support of Catholic missions?	Acknowledging our weaknesses but – more importantly – our strengths. Somehow seeing ourselves as a whole, rather than religious. Being on the same page.
112	Comforted and hopeful.	Concentrating spirituality on our children. Talking spirituality and introducing Jesus into our lives.
113	That this is only part of our story, albeit beautifully presented with very appropriate music. I think the pictures of the elderly and our youth is very important.	Encouraging our youth to lean from older members of our community, to recognise that the older members have a useful part to play in our moving forward so that our youth will carry the Church forward. The young need to be encouraged to share this love with all members of our community.
114	Reflective, sentimental. The music was moving. Glad that nuns do not dress in the old habit. A lot of rituals.	Having more confidence in who we are. Accept the many differences in our personalities. Promote more of the gospel message – back to Jesus. Church and schools need to come closer together. Clergy needs to find a new confidence and to be seen. They are still our spiritual leaders and deserve respect.
115	There is much life and energy within the Diocese through its many ministries. All these ministries need encouragement and support from within. However, we need to reach out to non-practicing Catholics to return to the Church. They too need encouragement and support.	We can move forward together to make strategies to enable the non-Church goers to return to the practices of their faith.
116	Nostalgia for the Church that was. Faith in the Church we have now. Hope for the Church in the future. Despite all the change and all that we had to let go, despite all the problems, our Church will always be with us and for us.	Recognising what is peripheral and what is essential. Keep what is essential and let go of what needs to be let go. Beware of false prophets – don't follow trends and false hopes and promises that lead us from the truth.
117	The Church is a wonderful place to be. There are a lot of caring people. We are very blessed in having such a caring Bishop and so many people and priests working.	Working as a group in different ways with God's people and having fun!

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118	Working with people...	Working together within our community.
119	We are a community – youth, aged, abused, indigenous, parishioners. People working for the good, for justice. The images were too cathedral-centric for a Diocese.	Seeking engagement, encouraging and responding to our community. By facing our history warts and all and moving beyond it to make sure we all can live in the Grace.
120	There is a need for a better understanding of what collaboration is, of what togetherness is and of who we are.	Looking for some change that will allow more independence from Rome for Bishops. A share in decision making for lay people. A shared accountability and responsibility.
121	“Church” is the people, not just the building/entity. It takes in young and old, glory and shame, old and new.	Seeing ourselves as one; that Church moving forward is when I see that my story is part of our story/journey. It is me and you and a parish sacristan and a CEO of a Diocesan instrumentality and a parent of a child and the Catholic who left the Church 30 years ago and our Bishop and
122	Multimedia is a great tool to bring the Catholic community together; to get our message out to the wider community; to embrace the youth – their enthusiasm and passion. Mary MacKillop’s hope to embrace all in our community with love and understanding.	We need to get the message out there that the Catholic community is alive, active and full of hope for the future. To do this we need to reach out to the youth and the marginalised, e.g. refugees.
123	Hope for the future; low points were addressed; high points showed the opportunities we are presented with; proud to belong; is Mary MacKillop our saviour?	Empowering everybody, from the youngest to the oldest. Not just preach to the converted – tell the broader community about the great things we do; have whole of parish community take ownership for their role.
124	The perfect world depicted here. Where we’ve been, where we are. Togetherness depicted here not always apparent at Sunday Mass where people literally come and go.	Promoting community regardless of age, ideas, etc. Christian values.
125	The Church is really diverse. It is not just “The Church”, it is its people and we need to recognise the needs of these people.	Acknowledging the needs of the people of our Church, including our own needs and working to make God known to them through our actions to fulfil those needs.
126	Gratitude at the wide-ranging aspects of Catholic life today. It was particularly pleasing to see the involvement of youth.	
127	Hope! Wonderful diversity and embrace of all facets of life – gratitude for those who handed on the faith.	By remembering and honouring our roots while confronting the call to live justly, underpinned with compassion including all – no matter how “together” we/they are.

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128	The elderly and baby boomers to give good example, invitations, reasons, support for God and Church. Share the faith and spirit, joy of God's love each day as we live – by example and response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sunday Mass highlight of the week, and highlight special time of Church's calendar; ➤ Invite youth to participate where possible; ➤ Promote Vincent de Paul etc. to express God's love in action; ➤ Good Mass, especially Sunday Mass; ➤ Just move forward – God will look after his Church. ➤ God is relevant at all time and for all ages.
129	Hope for the future of our faith.	Caring for each other and accepting our differences. Cooperating as a team.
130	Rubbish! Beautiful pictures and images, but with an air of "Holier than Thou". How can we expect to reach young people if we act at that level?	Not being so self-important. Reaching people at their proper level.
131	Church is the people, not bricks and mortar. Inclusiveness and affirmation create positive outcomes. Personal invitations create an environment of ownership.	Positive outreach and unity.
131	Young people were so proud to show their faith, they marched in unity. We can build on this by affirmation every time we see or hear any display of faith. Build on the courage in each person.	Always looking for the good and quickly dealing with and forgiving mistakes.
132	I saw the high times and I saw the low times that have happened in the Diocese. The highs (good things) far outweigh the lows (bad things). We have so much to hope for – so many reasons to hope. So many different people, old and young, with many gifts.	Talking to each other, listening, discerning and action. Trying to empower people by getting through to them their baptismal duty to use their gifts and bring hope to our communities to ultimately give life to them.
133	There is a sense of belonging. We share a history. We live by faith, hope and love.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Being realistic; ➤ Working together; ➤ Being relevant to meet the needs of our time for now and the future; ➤ Being communion.
134	Such complexity – moving. Wonder of humanity! Proud of current involvement. Longing for more – people and participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Respecting each other; ➤ Loving each other; ➤ Celebrating with each other; ➤ Affirming each other; ➤ Mixing with all people.

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135	Joy, pride, sad, humble, excited, reserved and raw faith.	By demonstrating from the top down the support for our religious. Reinforcing our core beliefs and structure with the Rosary, Benediction weekly and if possible daily Mass.
136	A Bishop's pain – feelings of grief, sadness, despondency and tension. Wonderful presentation – professionally produced	Sharing our relationship with Jesus. ➤ Encouraging youth in our schools to 'catch the fire' of commitment to the 5 Foundations. Introduce these at P&F meetings and school celebrations. ➤ Mentoring of youth by a program that includes parents and grandparents.
137	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A sense of where most us live out our witness to the Gospel for most of time is 'in market place' in spheres of life not ostensibly recognised as Church; ➤ Deep gratitude to Bishop Michael for standing with us, standing in leadership in the time of deepest trial in our diocesan history; ➤ Gratitude for our Church community as ongoing place of consecration, formation, joy and love in the risen Lord; ➤ Sound – please keep DVD sound normal, not as it was – very loud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hanging in to community together in the Word and the Eucharist for our direction and up building; ➤ Respecting how each feels called to live their faith; ➤ Be generous in owning, cultivating and sharing our gifts; ➤ Being ready to pray and work together; ➤ Being open to others and 'others' gifts; ➤ Growing always in support for the most frail and vulnerable in our society.
138	Many loving local communities make a whole diocese. Faith in our Lord and our will help to invite others to join and fill the gaps left by those gone to heaven.	Banding together with other parishes to share the strengths, ideas and resources for evangelising and other major parish growth sharing.
139	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The story continues – encompassing joys and sorrows; ➤ The Church is very much in the world – and open to public ➤ Mary MacKillop's story is one which inspires courage and hope; ➤ We live in the shadow of the cross. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reaching out to all -young and old etc. – by telling our story, proclaiming the Good News and by being a welcoming, hospitable and tolerant community; ➤ Welcoming change.
140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The abuse issue stood out like a sore thumb; ➤ The presence of children and youth in the presentation compared with the of their lack of presence in our parish liturgies; ➤ The need to relate Church and the everyday life of people for e.g. their family, working and social lives; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Having processed such as this one (telling our story). Where people can not only do their personal reflection but could also and probably more importantly listen to the stories, feelings and thoughts of other members of the group in a deep, respectful and discerning dialogue; ➤ Producing multi-media presentations, such as the one we

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	➤ The need to emphasis social justice more.	➤ have just seen to help evoke responses; ➤ Addressing issues such as structure, authority and abuse issues.
141	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reflection on the role of 'Church' as a framework for my personal history; ➤ Gratitude for all that has gone before and acceptance of the responsibility to meet challenges now as others have before; ➤ Recognition of the role of the Holy Spirit who sends us who we need when we need them – e.g. Bishop Michael; ➤ Where were the clergy? Few priests seemed included. A happy shot on the steps of the Cathedral would have been good. Like sisters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Having energy and meeting people at the place where they're at, not where we think they should be i.e. in the Church; ➤ Valuing the resource/opportunity that schools provide us; ➤ Supporting parents' faith by improving knowledge and acceptance of their social environment/family structure; ➤ Providing students (16-17 years) with ACTION opportunities and helping them work backwards to 'the source' of why we do it.
142	<p>We are a community sharing events that bring us together through shared interests and our faith. We gave a great strength in our resources – schools/Churches etc. that were gifted to us by the faith and hard work al our ancestors and if we don't find a way forward – more CCA experience will be felt by us all in our own backyards.</p> <p>We need to reclaim our Church. It is time to reclaim our lost communities and to find ways to celebrate our gifts and re-engage our lost brothers and sisters whilst welcoming people to Christ and our Church.</p>	<p>Being honest – being open – being real in our communities; Listening to each other actively and compassionately; Opening our hearts to the needy – we tend to heal the healthy and make the unwell feel unwelcome. Christ came to heal the sick – we need to find a way to encourage and welcome people who most need God's love but this is a big challenge in a Church that insists on indoctrinisation before people are fully accepted. Many other Christian faiths do not insist this and fully welcome people immediately.</p>
143	An amazing diversity and gifts in our diocese. There are positive things/events happening in spite of all the 'bad news' according to the world. There is much hospitality in many of our parishes.	Sharing our 'stories' with others. Allow growth rather than 'depression or apathy'. Make use of individual gifts and share the fire within us. Respect everyone at their level – the person they are.
144	I felt like an Israelite soldier standing in fear watching David picking up a stone to take an Goliath – incredulous that we can beat the odds stacked against us. Then I remembered that Davis did it – and so shall we.	Discerning together what are the core issues that we have unquely to offer to our Church and our world. We should identify and proclaim the Good News that no-one or nothing else has to offer – not complete against 'the world' in offering in competition to what it has to offer. We need to identify and offer the core good news and celebrate it.

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145	Tremendous hope for the future. Pride where we have come from. Mary's sainthood came at an time. God is good. Joy at the of all our activities with youth. Sadness for those who have been hurt or are hurting. As a mother, the knowledge that with an open heart, time will heal.	Building on past achievements. Being open and welcoming. Continuing to walk together
146	Promises postponed. Addressing a damaging legacy. Capture and rejoice in the moments of hope and faith.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Honesty; ➤ Transparency; ➤ Demanding the full engagement of the feminine in leadership; ➤ Continuing a process of consultation and collective planning.
147	Learn from the past and hope for the future.	Developing and sharing one vision for the diocese and taking this on board at each local level as we work towards a common, inclusive and progressive diocese.
148	There are more good things happening than we appreciate or understand.	Continue to strive to become and be the Good News to all (including 'the marketplace or life').
149	It felt like the old Church – while it had much to offer I want to see the Church move in keeping with people's lived experience i.e. our sense of God encompasses more then liturgy. Also, it presented liturgy in many ways that need reform – enlightening and more involvement of the whole community. If I was my children watching that (19 – 32 years) I know they would say they could not relate to it. It presented liturgy, school and aged care as the focus – life is more than that for most. We loose people after school – until their old age and or death; The video did no look at outreach into the everyday lives of people and those who don't come to Church; The almost empty Church in the latter slide – says our religious expression is not speaking to most. It mostly speaks to those who want to stay in the confines of (boundaries/security) rather than daring to have a personal relationship/encounters with the divine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Greater lay involvement; ➤ Liturgy that speaks to today; ➤ Lived experience; ➤ Education for laity – creative ways of doing this; ➤ Ministering in people's homes, workplaces and recreational places; ➤ If we do so they will find God/even tangibly. We need to enable this awareness in others and self. Then liturgy will live and all will want to partake of it.
150	A refreshing and open feeling.	
151	Aged, children and youth. Why only Newcastle? What about	Moving together – linking up together.

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	other parishes (Taree)?	
152	DVD was a wonderful reminder that we are part of a large family – that the frail individual is especially lifted when he/she comes together as part of this family.	Coming together more often in prayer.
153	The future of our Church is in the faith of ordinary people reaching out in friendship to others.	Use of media - encouraging relationships in small groups to reach out to 'those on the edge' as in the work of Mary MacKillop.
154	To pray, trust and hope for a Church in crisis: A Church which I love.	Trusting, working and praying with our Bishop, clergy and community.
155	Why do we need to pay the debt of a few e.g. the paedophile costs? Shouldn't each person accept the consequences of their actions? Why do we have to sacrifice our aged care?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Openness; ➤ Being accountable and responsible; ➤ Communion.
156	We are ministering to a wise diversity of people – all ages, all life situations.	Meeting people where they are in life, not trying to fit everyone into a pre-determined mould.
157	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anticipation; ➤ Easing of tensions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Local; – Country; – World; – Across faiths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Listen; ➤ Share; ➤ Forgive ➤ Love in all its forms.
158	Too narrow a picture of Church and diocese. More than Josephites and schools; Little reference to Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encouraging a personal relationship to Jesus Christ; ➤ Preach – teach spirituality to develop this relationship.
159	That the diocese is alive with different elements of the people's insights and talking part in this particular Church communion.	Taking notice of our differences but at the same time acknowledging our gifts, time and treasure.
160	There are lots of good things happening in our diocese. Where are our youth? There is a lot happening in our schools and this is wonderful. I feel there is too much negativity towards the schools, both Catholic and the fantastic catechesis in state schools. These places are where future lies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encouraging and welcoming our young people and families; ➤ Not criticising young Catholics by labelling them in any way; ➤ Accepting people as they are. Being a welcoming Church.
161	There were lots of images – a good start with Mary of the Cross. They've touched on many aspects of Catholic life – probably too many! Poor that St Vincent de Paul's was missing.	A positive approach – that our Churches can grow, that there is a power in the Gospel to touch people's lives. I believe that Vatican II signalled us to leave the 'fortress' Church but we seem to be

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		putting up new fortresses by our attitude to e.g. downsizing Churches/parishes/Masses.
162	I enjoyed the presentation (it is wonderful to have our own Saint). Togetherness – many people, many ministries. Children are our future and need to be involved and encouraged. The lost generation – the parents of the children who are at school now – need to be encouraged (how I don't know!) to bring themselves and their children to Mass.	Encouraging people to talk – to become involved in the feasts of the Church; By thinking and seeing the big picture, not just what I want but what is beneficial to the Church.
163	Still a bit of life in the old Church!!!	Accepting our limitations; numbers (mostly older members); effects of clergy abuse (not just sexual); most of the children in our schools are not part of the worshipping community.
164	Beautifully put together, we are so lucky. I wish the young ones could understand.	
165	I don't think selling property is the answer.	Bringing the young people back to Church.
166	Moving, emotional, pictures say a thousand words. Wonderful joy in so many images. Hope and promise in our future.	
167	Our youth hold the Church's future. If we don't supply their needs, the future of our Church looks dim.	Knowing who we are in Christ, sharing it with those who don't know, by our example.
168	A variety of gifts. Youth potential. Where are the men?	Sharing all our gifts, accepting others' gifts, selling ourselves better.
169	We need more young input into our senior Churches. We should be bottom up, not down.	Becoming a community. Appreciating each other, no matter the age. Encouraging youth.
170	The Church is people. The people make the Church, united in Christ.	Moving out to the people. It is an outward action, not waiting for them to just come.
171	Hope for the future.	Increased lay participation. More support for our priests and Bishop.
172	Outside of worship, care of the aged and school, and religious life, it is difficult for us to express on DVD what it means to be Christian.	Taking baptism extremely seriously as a call to commitment through the entire Church.
173	In spite of many concerns, the damage done to the Church, lack of numbers, etc. – there is still much to celebrate and much to be grateful for and confident about.	Focusing on the good – both in structures and in our people. Being more gentle with each other – looking for the good in each other and not an automatic negative response.

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174	Truth – our journey is often rocky and painful;. However, we also have times of joy and rejoicing.	Listening with respect. Having the courage to try something new. Learn the concept of thinking laterally at times. Keep communities viable as they are the main/only support for a great many people.
175	Hope for our future and that of our children. Acknowledgement of the past allows us to move forward.	Open/transparent/honest communication across Parish regions. Understanding our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities. Collective response to the challenges we have and embracing the opportunities presented.
176	Absolutely loved the first song and slide show. We, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, have a unique story to tell, one of hope, challenge and carrying our cross. There are beacons of hope and of life in our Church. The elderly, the young, all are filled with the light of Christ. The soil may be hard but if we dig we are bound to find living water. Words – alive, joy, hope, life, diversity, art, pride, peace.	Listening, acting and being open to change and movement of the Holy Spirit. We need to labour for the heavenly kingdom. We need to be beacons of hope and light in this region. Authentic witness. Think outside of the box, engage the youth without judgment. Build solid networks of relationships. Enter into dialogue with the secular world.
177	The Church has the potential for so much good (and otherwise). Empty pews –v- the Church alive in relationship. Beautiful image of Bishop Michael.	Encouraging with awareness and transparency. Engaging with each other. Engaging with minority groups. Practising hospitality at parish and small group level.
179	It is wonderful to see the youth involved in the ceremony.	Being a loving, caring, welcoming community.
180	We can do it if we pray and persist, as Mary of the Cross had faith and prayer – she got things done. We must respect our aged people, they are our back bone.	Staying together, praying together. Hanging in there – the Church has been through a lot worse than what we are now facing, and has survived. Prayer works!
181	It shows openness to all areas of life. It made me proud to know the magnitude of the coverage that is being attempted. The mission of our Christ is infinite. We need to be honest about who we are and this seems to be starting to happen.	Meeting more often together, by nurturing hope in our communities, by leadership that is encouraging and supportive, as well as being inclusive – trusting the people to use their gifts.
182	A journeying community, one that is beginning to shine through all the darkness and trials, working together and growing and glowing. A learning community – people of hope, of resilience and purpose. We are the way, the truth and the life. Acceptance of our past, striving with enthusiasm towards a joyful future.	Humility towards one and other, openness and awareness of our responsibility as Church, as Catholics and as managers.
183	I found the images of the Pope jarring in the DVD. I feel frustrated at the institutional Church for not embracing change	Embracing change – it is the only future. But how much will happen when so much change needs to come from the Pope?

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	and doing something to revitalise the Church. All those kids featured are connected to God in the moments represented, but their connection may not last because the Church they need is not the Church available to them. Do we talk to young people enough? What is it that disheartens them? What would they like to see at Mass?	How can we effect change that will have immediate impact? Talk to our young people. Get their honest opinions about the future of the Church. Host a forum with youth. We know they are not connecting to Church but do we ever ask them why, and really listen to their response? Are we simply making assumptions?
184	Out story is much more complex than the DVD presented. Good presentation of schools, but what about the Order of the Faithful? What about other religious orders in the Diocese?	More connection to our schools. Stronger emphasis on spirituality. Ensure we meet Jesus in the Church honouring grandmothers.
185	All the many good things in our Church are not published sufficiently.	Genuine listening to people in need. We also need to be listened to.
186	Action. Open heart.	Meeting the people wherever they are, no matter how much or how little faith they have.
187	Beautiful images, but too exclusive. Our history, our story is more than these images (Irish Church, recent immigration, Asian and European Church). This highlighted for me how diverse we are, yet how do we exclude the marginalised? What did Mary MacKillop do? – she went out. The Mary MacKillop song highlighted what we as a Church now are reluctant to do. Where are the courage and the fire that Bishop Michael referred to?	Acknowledge and preserve what is good an worthwhile from our history. Keep old buildings, support small communities and actively work on being inclusive, creative, welcoming. Look forwards with courage. We tend to be acting out of fear rather than love. We refer to the media for guidance, rather than the Gospels.
188	We saw a snapshot of various Diocesan groups and schools. However, as a teacher in Catholic schools, I do not see enough opportunity for schools to become involved in the life of the Catholic Church. We need community to grow in faith. We become stronger disciples when we are in community. This needs to be encouraged within our parishes.	Coming together more often as a community (parish, prayer groups, regional/diocesan/school gatherings, etc). Praying as community for our parish, schools and diocese for an outpouring of Holy Spirit and strengthening of our communities and self as strong disciples of Christ. This will allow us to become a true witness of Jesus' love and life that we take to the wider community – evangelism.
189	Murrurundi excised from the Diocese (the map)!! Too much of the Newcastle area. No Vincent de Paul presence. Marginalised and poorest absent.	More affirming of good practices in various parishes.
190	Joy, sorrow, grief and anxieties. Outreaching to immigrants and marginalised. Healing and caring. Confession of wrong doing.	Looking beyond our parish region to recognise that the fire is still alive. Look to one or two areas and make a concentrated effort to

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	Passing on the faith to the next generation.	cultivate them.