



GUIDELINES FOR HOLY CONFERENCE... ..

- ❖ Every person is a child of God. Always speak respectfully. One can disagree without being disagreeable.
- ❖ As you patiently listen and observe the behavior of others, be open to the possibility that God can change the views of any or all parties in the discussion.
- ❖ Listen patiently before formulating responses.
- ❖ Strive to understand the experience out of which others have arrived at their views.
- ❖ Be careful in how you express personal offense at differing opinions. Otherwise dialogue may be inhibited.
- ❖ Accurately reflect the views of others when speaking. This is especially important when you disagree with that position.
- ❖ Avoid using inflammatory words, derogatory names or an excited and angry voice.
- ❖ Avoid making generalizations about individuals and groups. Make your point with specific evidence and examples.
- ❖ Make use of facilitators and mediators.
- ❖ Remember that people are defined, ultimately, by their relationship with God – not by the flaws we discover, or think we discover, in their views and actions.

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