

Homily Feedback (form 1)

Homilist: _____

Date: _____

Your Name: _____

The homilist has asked for feedback as part of a process to improve his/her preaching. Thank you for being willing to participate.

A. What did you experience in the sermon and its delivery? Skip the item if you have no response that fits the category.

Humility	1	2	3	4	5	Self-righteousness
Reverence with lightness	1	2	3	4	5	Staid piousness
Absolute faith, amid a plurality of belief	1	2	3	4	5	Heresy hunting; only my way is correct
Spiritual detachment	1	2	3	4	5	Emotional entrapment
Broad understanding & experience	1	2	3	4	5	Narrow opinions and experience
Appreciation for symbol and story	1	2	3	4	5	Excessive intellectualization
Command of feelings	1	2	3	4	5	Victim of feelings
Acceptance & challenge	1	2	3	4	5	Judgment
Acceptance & challenge	1	2	3	4	5	No challenge, no invitation to grow
Insightful	1	2	3	4	5	Naïve, unobservant, unperceptive
Engaged with the sermon material and congregation	1	2	3	4	5	Just presenting information
No sense of the person of the preacher	1	2	3	4	5	Too much about the preacher (as in – more than I want to know about the preacher, or feels over-exposed)
Tolerance of ambiguity	1	2	3	4	5	Ideological, intolerant, dogmatism

Parts of this section are based on Urban Holmes work in *Priest in Community*

Comments on any of the above --

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B. Style (circle)

1. Pace

Too Fast

About right

Too slow

2. Rhythm

"Off"

About right

3. Ease

Anxious

At ease

Facade of being at ease

4. Length (for the occasion & setting)

Too long

About right

Too short (abrupt?)

C. Feelings you had during the homily (*circle all that apply*)

Note: There is no assumption here that some feelings are more appropriate than others.

Engaged Tense Interested Uninterested Angry Judged Alive Receptive Touched

Sentimental Excited Solitude Lonely Moved Forgiving Connected Stretched

Light Heavy Empty Helpless Sullen Bored Unsettled Troubled Anxious

Frustrated

Add other feelings you had --

Any comments coming off of your feelings? What caused the feeling to surface in you?

D. Questions

1. What have you come away with?

2. What most engaged you? (or - When were you most engaged?)

3. What was in the sermon that came to you as good news?

For example:

- An invitation to a fully human life (*The Glory of God is a human person fully alive*)
- Into a life that is the pattern of the Eucharist (*You are the Body of Christ... That is to say; in you and through you the method and work of the Incarnation must go forward. You are meant to incarnate in your lives the themes of your adoration. You are to be taken, consecrated, broken, and made a means of grace; vehicles of the Eternal Charity. Evelyn Underhill*)
- *The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory* -Gospel according to John
- *What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.* -Gospel according to John