



WHAT IS Synod 2021-2023?



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October 2023

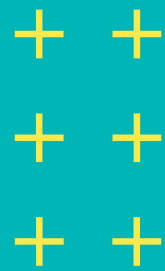
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"The purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships..."
(Preparatory Document, 32)

In order to "journey together," we need to let ourselves be educated by the Spirit to a truly synodal mentality, entering with courage and freedom of heart into a conversion process that is indispensable for the "continual reformation of which [the Church] always has need, in so far as she is a human institution" (PD, 9)

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Listening sessions will be held in February and March throughout our diocese, which is the process by which we will begin this important work. Through listening and reflection, we will share our personal experiences and seek to understand the Holy Spirit's will for our local Church.

Volunteers are needed to make these sessions fruitful. Please consider volunteering in one of the following areas: hospitality team, notetakers and table facilitators for the listening session. Please call [insert phone #] or email parishoffice@gmail.com to offer your talents.

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PARTICIPATE IN

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This weekend, synod participant guides are available in the Narthex. Please take one copy per person for those who intend to participate in a listening session. This document will help you understand the listening session and prepare the thoughts you would like to share.

Father _____ invites you to attend one of the following listening sessions, where you can share your personal experiences with the Catholic Church.

Monday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 17 from 5-7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 - 11 a.m.

To reserve your space, please call [insert phone #] or email parishoffice@gmail.com.

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