

Synod 2021 2023 social media posts for Diocese of London

Using the Vatican's Style Guide and the 1-pager that our committee developed, I created a series of social media posts. They could also be used for bulletins.



SYNOD STYLE GUIDE



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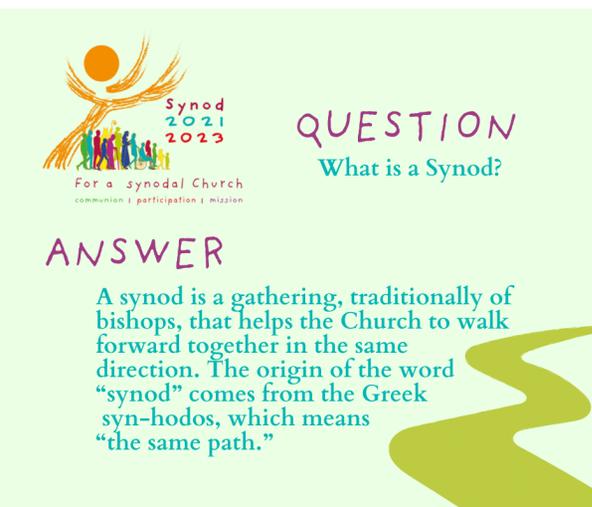


Pope Francis has called the whole church, all the baptized, to participate in a Synod. The theme for this synod is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”.

Stay tuned to our social media over the next few weeks for more about what a Synod is, what synodality is, and what your role is in it all!



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Since Vatican II, bishops have gathered every two to three years to reflect on important issues confronting the Church, seeking to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit. In recent times Pope Francis has sought to invite broader consultation.

This synod is a little different as Pope Francis has asked for the whole Church to participate.

QUESTION

What makes this Synod different?



ANSWER

This Synod will be the culmination of a two-year synodal process for the entire Church that will shape the bishop's meeting in Rome in 2023. We begin with a diocesan listening phase involving all the faithful at local churches in dioceses throughout the world. This listening phase will run through to May 2022.



QUESTION

What does it mean to be a synodal Church?

ANSWER

Synodality is about journeying together. This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as the People of God.

QUESTION

What is my role in all of this?



ANSWER

This synod invites the whole church to participate. To share. To listen to each other and the Holy Spirit. Listening Sessions will be happening at parishes across the diocese during this listening phase. There will also be an online component.

Every parish or Family of Parishes has been asked to participate in this process through Listening Sessions. We are also working with our partners in the community to hear from them.

Be sure to keep an eye out at your parish to see how you can participate.

Whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on a journey. And in the end, we are no longer the same, we are changed.

“On the synodal journey, the most important thing is the process, because it is already the result.” Mons. Luis Marin de San Martin

The Church wants you to be a part of this journey. Your parish is making plans now.

If you have your date or registration information available... add it here.

A Synodal church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys together'. Our Diocese and the Church worldwide are being asked to...

- Embark on a process of profound renewal inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Respond to the main questions of the Synodal process as it applies to our Church today and the Church we envision for the future:
 - How is our 'walking together' in synodality realized today in the Church?
 - What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as we 'walk together'?

The Synodal process calls us to:

- Have the confidence to speak and the humility to listen
- Listen to the lived experiences of others in a context of prayer
- Listen with openness, with faith and with courage
- Listen to what the Holy Spirit wants to say to the Church
- Listen with the ears of the heart



The Synodal Process is about:

- Listening to each and every one
- Reaching out and being inclusive and culturally aware
- Having an open mind to explore possibilities
- Bringing people together to dream big about the Church
- Spending time with the future
- Hearing what the Holy Spirit has to say to all of us



We are coming together on this synodal process to listen to each other answer some very important questions for the church. This also requires you to share where you're coming from and your own hopes and dreams for the Catholic Church. How exciting is that?

In this synodal process there is a lot of sharing and even more listening... to ourselves, to each other, to the Holy Spirit.

Visit *website* to learn more.

Listen.
Reach out.
Explore.
Dream.

Visit *website* to learn more.



What a synod is:

- It is a process
- It is prayerful discernment and listening
- It is an experience shared with one another
- It is about seeing the opportunities
- It is grounded in prayer, liturgy and the Word of God
- It is a spiritual process led by the Holy Spirit



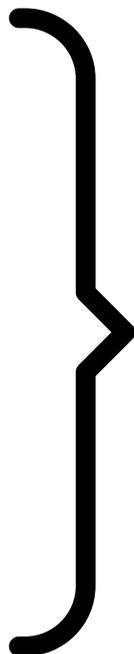
What a synod is **NOT**:

- It is not a one-time event
- It is not a survey of popular opinion
- It is not just filling out a questionnaire
- It is not about seeing only problems
- It is not a study group
- It is not a strategic planning exercise



In our parishes we're working hard to become genuine disciples of Jesus and inviting others to experience the joy of encountering Jesus in their lives. This synod invites us to come together in our parishes and to reach out to Catholics not coming to church regularly. To reach out to our young people to listen prayerfully to God's word. To listen to God speaking through one another.

Bishop Fabbro



NOTE: THESE POSTS SHOULD BE SHARED TOGETHER.

Many aspects of the synod may sound familiar. Like something you've participated in before. It may also sound very new. It's important to remember what the synod is and what it is not.

Visit *website* to learn more.

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The aim of the Synod is not just to talk about synodality, but to put synodality into practice from now onwards in every diocese, parish, and country across the whole world. This calls all of us, at every level of the Church, to renew our way of being and working together moving forward.

Julian Paparella

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This is a unique opportunity for reforming and renewing

IF we take it.

St. Nuala Kenny
A Post-Pandemic Church: Prophetic Possibilities

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Dear brothers and sisters, let us have a good journey together! May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. Let us not miss out on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening and discernment.

In the joyful conviction that, even as we seek the Lord, he always comes with his love to meet us first.

Pope Francis
Homily, 10 September 2021

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In a choir or orchestra,
all must listen,
all must be attuned
to the other voices and
to the other instruments.

Catherine Clifford
Professor Saint Paul University

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The purpose of the Synod...
to plant dreams,
draw forth prophecies and visions,
allow hope to flourish,
inspire trust,
bind up wounds,
weave together relationships,
awaken a dawn of hope,
learn from one another and
create a bright resourcefulness
that will enlighten minds,
warm hearts,
give strength to our hands.

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Preparatory Document

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It is precisely this path of
synodality which God
expects of the Church of the
third millennium.

Pope Francis
Synodality in the Life
and Mission of the Church