

Welcome to the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton Synod Hardcopy Survey

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." We have until **May 1, 2022** to share any Holy Spirit promptings. Your voice is needed. Please share anonymously or with your contact information if you desire someone from the Diocese to contact you.

Do not hesitate to contact Julie at 330-493-9355 cell: 802-522-0802 or synod@rcdcanton.org with any questions.

Three Synod Pillars: Communion, Participation, Mission.

Start with Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Thank you for sharing!

This survey has 15 questions. You can answer one or more questions. Feel free to take your time and pray about your responses. God bless you on your synodal journey. Please use back of paper if you need more space to write.

Questions

1. Provide your parish/mission name: _____
2. Year you were born? _____
3. Which best describes your relationship to a local parish?
 I am a registered member of my local parish.
 I attend one parish regularly but am not registered.
 I attend multiple parishes.
 I do not regularly attend a parish.
Other: _____
4. My top three dreams for our church/mission are _____
5. My top three concerns for my mission /church are _____

6. **Main Question:** A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in the Church? How is the Holy Spirit inviting you to “journey together” with the Church? Where do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit calling you closer to the Church?
7. Please provide brief comments to the Synod’s Core **Question 1: Listening**
How is God speaking to you through the voices that are in your life? How is God speaking to you through voices we sometimes ignore, including those on the peripheries? What space is there in your life to listen to the voices on the peripheries of the Church, especially cultural groups, women, the disabled, those who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?
8. Please provide brief comments to the Synod’s Core **Question 2: Speaking Out**
What enables or hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in the Church and society? What space is there in our parishes for the voice of people, including active and inactive members of our faith?
9. Please provide brief comments to the Synod’s Core **Question 3: Sharing Responsibility For Our Common Mission and Sharing Authority and Participation**
How are you able to participate in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel? What hinders you from being active in your parish? How is authority or governance exercised in your local parish and in the Church?
10. Please provide brief comments to the Synod’s Core **Question 4: Discerning and Deciding**
How does your parish use the methods of listening and speaking (consultation) to make decisions? How does your parish promote participation in decision-making within the hierarchical structures of the Church? Do the decision-making methods of your parish help you to listen to all members of the community, including those who are on the peripheries of parish life?

11. Please provide brief comments to the **Synod's Core Question 5: Celebration**

How does prayer and liturgical celebration, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide you? How does your prayer life and celebration of the Liturgy inspire and inform your personal decisions and decisions? How does the parish invite all Catholics, including cultural communities, youth, families and persons with disabilities and their families, into the active life of the parish, especially Sunday Liturgy?

12. Is there anything that may assist you in your relationship with The Holy Spirit?

- General Education on the Holy Spirit.
 - Opportunities to “practice” listening from the Holy Spirit.
 - How to know if an inspiration comes from the Holy Spirit.
 - How to foster inspirations from the Holy Spirit.
 - Holiness is the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - How to discern charisms/gifts
 - Making space for the Holy Spirit or how not to get in the way of the Holy Spirit.
- Other:

13. What language would you like any education/presentation?

- English
- Romanian

Other:

14. **OPTIONAL:** If you would like any follow-up, please complete your contact information below:

Your Name: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

15. Please feel free to add any additional comments below/on back of this form.

Options to Share Your Survey Responses by May 1, 2022:

1. Hand completed survey to your clergy
2. Directly email: Synod@rcdcanton.org
3. Use Survey link or QR Code: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LR5RFGM>

4. Snail Mail:
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Thank you for completing this survey. We know that you are busy and appreciate your responses.

Reminder: Please complete and return by **May 1, 2022**.