



SYNOD 2021-2023

Taking the opportunity to share and listen to each other and, ultimately, to the Holy Spirit

The shared prayerful discernment of our parish listening gatherings is now complete, and we will shortly compile our parish report. In order to include as many voices as possible we have compiled a simple questionnaire, based on that from the diocese, and invite you to respond to any of the questions, or indeed to comment on any other aspect of church life.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIOCESE

You are encouraged to share with honesty and openness about your real-life experiences, and to reflect on what the Holy spirit might be saying to the Church at this time.

GENERAL

- What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal church?
- What are your dreams and hopes for the synodal process? How would you like to see the Church develop its mission in the coming years?

COMMUNION

- What are the ways in which your parish most successfully brings people together?
- Christ is present as the head united to his body (Ephesians 1:22-23) in our parishes and communities. How is this reflected in your parish/community life? Are there other reasons that you gather together?

PARTICIPATION

- Reflecting on 16 months of the pandemic, how has participation in your parish been affected? Were these issues there before?
- How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the Church at the parish and diocesan levels?

MISSION

- Are we looking in or are we looking out, as a parish community? Can we do both effectively?
- How does the life of the parish, in terms of catechesis, adult formation, liturgy etc. aid in the formation of parishioners as missionary disciples?

Please reply to the parish office BEFORE 17 JANUARY either on paper or by

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for onward transmission to parish delegates, Phil Kerton and Anne Inman.