



SYNOD 2021-2023 PROGRESS UPDATE July 22

Following the listening sessions that have taken place in our diocese and nationally, reports from the diocese and national organisations were submitted to the Bishops' Conference just before Holy Week this year.

A draft 'National Synthesis' was then drawn up to give an overall picture of the synodal process in England and Wales. The bishops with representatives from the dioceses and national organisations reflected on the Synthesis at a National Synod Day, held in our own cathedral of Southwark, facilitated by Sr. Bernadette Reis, fsp. **The 'National Synthesis' was then finalised, and can be downloaded at the address below.**

www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf

What next? The Bishops of England and Wales are now discerning their response to this National Synthesis. Their response, together with the synthesis will be sent to the Synod Office in Rome as the formal submission to the Synod from England and Wales. These will join reports from all the other conferences in the world.

On the basis of these submissions, the Synod office in Rome will create a working document (in Latin an *Instrumentum Laboris*) which the Synod Office is calling the 'Document for the Continental Stage.'

We thank all who have participated so far in the Synodal Process and ask for continued prayers as we journey together towards being a Synodal Church in today's world, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel that brings life and human flourishing to all who hear and respond to it. (CBCEW)
