



Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church in which all members are called to participate. Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without judgment. All are invited to speak with courage and in freedom, truth, and charity.

SYNOD QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & SHARING

PARTICIPATION IN LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- How is your relationship with the Church today? Where do they find joy in their parish experience? Does the Church/Parish help influence your decisions in life?
- What is the mission of the Church? What areas of mission is the Church fulfilling? What areas need more attention?

DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

- Is your parish experience rich with diversity and inclusivity? Do you believe your parish and Church dialogues and listens to the larger community they serve?
- What issues in the Church and community do you feel should be highlighted and addressed more often?

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- How would you describe your relationship with God? Would you call it fulfilling? Why or why not?
- How do you think people can grow in their faith? What resources (books, clergy, retreats, services, etc.) are helpful to you?

JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS A CATHOLIC, FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY

- Where do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit? What are we being asked to do?
- How do you think the Holy Spirit is inviting the Church community – both locally and universally – to grow together?

The above list shares some suggested questions for reflection during the Synod process. All reflections and comments are welcome as part of the Synod listening sessions.

Prayer for the Synod

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

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
nor 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.

To share your reflections privately, please access the Synod Survey to offer feedback via link below or scan the QR code.: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AllentownSynod>

