

Fortnightly Newsletter

G FOR GO!

There is much energy around the diocese for the process of being a synodal Church.

Responses are already arriving and there are many great stories about spiritual conversations that are enriching and engaging.

A number of our young adult community joined the information sessions offered and have become real champions of the process, facilitating small groups and preparing resources to explain what a Synod is and how we can all participate.

Two of these from St Luke's Flat Bush who beautifully prayed our psalm during the Prayer to Open the Synod who have prepared this wonderful video.

Information for the Listening Church Process



SING ALONG

Feel like singing?
The Hymn of the Synodal Way of India with the lyrics so that you too can sing ...
 At the top of your lungs!

IT'GLOBAL

The Synod is occurring all over the world. Each area has its own flavour, every place doing things in their way. It's incredible to think wherever there are Catholics there are spiritual conversations happening.

BEING SYNOD TOGETHER -HELP AT HAND

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

For advice, guidance and resources for this stage of the synod people are encouraged to go to the diocesan website.

As more resources are gathered and further information is released it will be uploaded. If something is missing please let us know at synod@cda.org.nz and we will see what we can do.



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"The **purpose of the Synod**, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but "to plant dreams, **draw forth prophecies and visions**, **allow hope to be nourished**, 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."

(PD, 32)



WE ALL HAVE EQUAL SAY

The entire **People of God** shares a common dignity and vocation through **Baptism**. All of us are called by virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. In parishes, small Christian communities, lay movements, religious communities, and other forms of communion, women and men, young people and the elderly, we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who comes to guide our human efforts, breathing life and vitality into the Church and leading us into deeper communion for our mission in the world. As the Church embarks on this synodal journey, we must strive to ground ourselves in experiences of authentic listening and discernment on **the path of becoming the Church that God calls us to be**.

PRAY FOR THE SYNOD

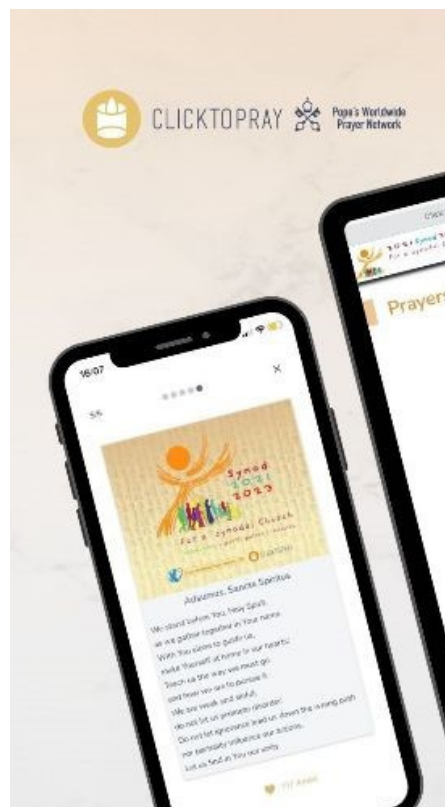
let us call on the Holy Spirit to be with us.

In order to support the synodal journey and ask for the Spirit's assistance, together with the World Network of Prayers of the Pope at the Vatican have set up a website in 5 languages:

**Church on the Way.
Pray for the Synod.**

You too can send your prayer.

This feature can be integrated into your website [See how to do it...](#)



EXPLORING SYNOD

Don't be scared of the responses

Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General for the Synod of Bishops sent a message to a recent gathering of the bishops of the United States. His message was one of encouragement to listen at all levels of the life of the Church and to itself engage in this process of listening in order to discover the voice of the Living God.

"Do not be afraid to tell us frankly what you have gathered from listening to your people about what the Spirit is saying to the Church: to your Church and to the whole Church"

Cardinal Mario Grech

The Cardinal asserted that every contribution to the understanding of the Synodal Church is important.

He assured the Bishops that contrary to what many assume, there are no written conclusions; there is no desire to impose a line of thinking.

There is a willingness to listen to the Spirit in listening to one another. No positions are worth more than others. The Vatican encourages listening at all levels of the life of the Church from a wide range of experiences of walking with Church