

*The people of God are not static;
they are 'walking together'.*

*The 15 silhouettes in bright colours
sum up humanity in its diversity
of life.*

*The young, old, men, women,
teenagers, children, lay people, religious,
parents, couples, singles are
all on the same footing.*

*The Bishop and the Nun are not in
front of them, but among them*

*The tree carries the Eucharist,
which shines like the sun.*

TAKE A
CLOSER LOOK



*A large, majestic tree, full of
wisdom & light, reaches for the
sky with open branches that
represent the Holy Spirit.*

WHAT AM I CALLED TO DO?

*To participate by sharing experiences of church, listening
to one another, especially the poor and the excluded,
guided by the Holy Spirit and the word of God, pray,
dialogue and community discernment.*



2021 Synod 2023
For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission



The Apostolic Vicariate of
NORTHERN ARABIA

WHAT IS A SYNOD?

The Greek word Synod means "assembly" or "meeting". Synod is an therefore is an authoritative assembly or meeting of bishops for the purpose of church administration or discipline.



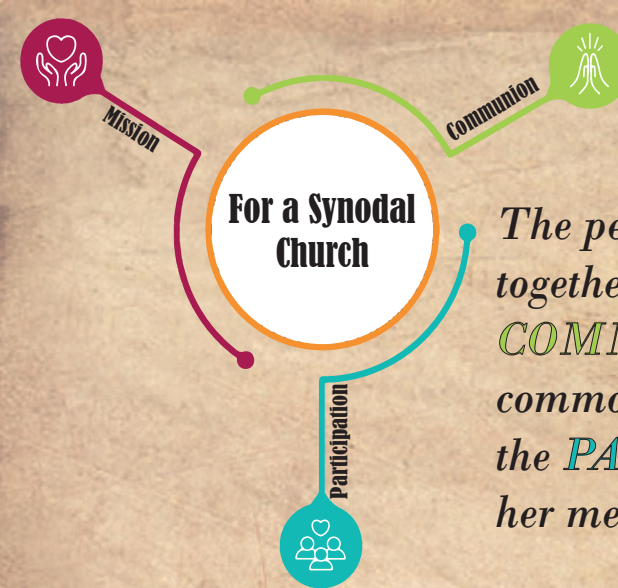
WHAT IS SYNODALITY?

Synodality is a way of life or style of the church, where all members journey together, gather in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SYNOD?

To foster a broad consultation process to gather the wealth of experience of being church so far, based on the processes of listening, dialogue, and community discernment, in which every person can participate and contribute.



The people of God journeying together and walking forward in **COMMUNION** to pursue a common **MISSION** through the **PARTICIPATION** of all her members.

Communion: God gathers us together as diverse people of one faith. The communion we share finds its deepest roots in the love and unity of the Trinity. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit.

Participation: A call for the involvement of all who belong to the people of God – laity, consecrated and ordained, to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. By doing so, we create a space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together, and guide our aspirations for the Church of tomorrow.

Mission: The Church exists to evangelize. Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synod is intended to enable the Church to be a better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world.

