



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

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- suggestions

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1. VISIT THE VATICAN WEBSITE / READ THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE SYNOD TEAM/LEADERS. Encourage others to read.

- Visit the **Official Vatican website** – www.synod.va
Documents and helpful resources
- **The Preparatory Document (PD)**
for a Synodal church: Communion, Participation, Mission.
- **The Vademecum** for the Synod on Synodality
*Official handbook for listening and discernment in the local churches.
the Vademecum offers practical support to the Diocesan Contact Person(s) (or team)*
- **The Popes inaugural address.**
- Visit and use resources on the AVONA website at avona.org (see link Synod 2021-2023)

2. EXPLANATORY TALKS /SESSIONS - WHAT IS THE SYNOD ?

Explaining the WHY, WHAT, WHO, WHEN, ETC

Before, during sermons or after mass, or in separate sessions

Thru videos, PPTs, Songs, interview enactments, etc.

EXPLAIN THE LOGO – PICTURE OF A SYNODAL CHURCH



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3. The ADSUMUS PRAYER - We stand before you Holy Spirit

- **Prayer Card** –Encourage everyone to pray even at home, personal prayer, group meetings
- **Explain the prayer** – with reflections – this can be a prayer session

4. PRAYER SESSIONS – The Synod is a prayerful process of listening the Word of God and to the Holy Spirit

- **Lectio Divina** –Reading Holy Bible relevant to synod theme– meditation, reflection, sharing
The prodigal son - Mark 1:40-45 Jesus heals touches the leper an outcast and restores him.
<https://www.synod.va/en/news/biblical-resources-for-synodality.html>
- **Eucharistic Adorations** – based on the Synod themes
- **Pray the Rosary for Synod intentions or themes** – we get a chance to briefly explain a synod theme at every decade. e.g.: Journeying together, Communion, Participation, Mission, Listening, etc.

5. POSTERS , BANNERS, FLYERS, HANDOUTS, PPT PRESENTATIONS, VIDEOS

- Posters and banners based on Synod theme
- Flyer available on AVONA website
- Samples of poster available on Vatican and Avona website





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6. ACTION SONGS OR MUSICAL SESSIONS

- **See example** of action song on the synod theme on AVONA website
- Singing hymns like **a praise and worship with brief explanations / reflections on the Synod theme.**
- **Gospel singing session with Synod theme explained.**
- **One action song with a brief intro to a Synod theme. 5 to 7 mins – before beginning or at end of Holy mass.**
- **Flashmob in the courtyard after mass dispersal**



7. SOCIAL MEDIA



- Posts on WhatsApp, Twitter, You-tube etc, and even on STCJ website



Being Synodal requires time for sharing



Humility in listening must correspond to courage in speaking.

Synodality is an invitation to build deeper communion within the body of Christ. As we near the end of our Lenten journey, we are reminded that the synodal path is not always easy, and often challenges us. How will you continue to listen to the movement of the Spirit as we seek to respond to the needs of our community?

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

John 8:1-11





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8. GROUP MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS, DEBATES, INTERVIEWS, SHARING, SKITS, ENACTMENTS, Q&A

- Specially with **excluded groups** (maids, other workers and non-church goers)
- Visiting the camps and remote places, those far from the church, and hold a session on Synod.
- Talks in various church group meetings of members



9. SYNOD EVENINGS / EVENTS

- Weekend gatherings for talks, skits on Synod, Games - information plus entertainment.
- Musical evenings / Gospel music evenings blended into the Synod theme, with sharing on Synod themes.





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10. CHILDREN'S SYNOD ACTIVITIES

- Colouring, painting
- Competitions – drawing, poster making, singing, synod card making.
- Games
- Quizzes
- Story telling

20 Do we talk about Jesus with friends, cousins, brothers and sisters ...?	19 Think of a commitment to improve your home, your school, your parish...	18 Are there people in Church who help you to make decisions?	17 	16 Express a word or phrase from Jesus that you recall	15 Yeah! Jump ahead to box 55!	14 	13 Mimic your favorite animal
21 	40 Express a word or phrase from Jesus that you recall	39 Tell a riddle	38 	37 Draw your idea of the Church for kids	36 Sing a song	35 Express a word or phrase from Jesus that you recall	32 To whom do you reach out when you have a problem?
22 About what kinds of issues does the Church help us think?	41 Remain silent for 1 min	<p>Synod 2021-2023 For a synodal Church communio e participatio e missio</p>		50 Express a word or phrase from Jesus that you recall	49 Do you feel like you are an important part of the Church?	34 From what you hear in the news, what are the things about which the Church should be most concerned?	31
23 Say a tongue-twister	42 			51 	48 	33 Wait here until you next turn	30 Do you participate in the Mass? How?
24 Do you hear about the Church on TV, radio, internet, social media?	43 Express a word or phrase from Jesus that you recall	44 No talking the dir for once	45 Would you know how to reach out for help in the Church?	46 Deal! Back to box 55.	47 Express a word or phrase from Jesus that you recall.	32 To whom do you talk about Jesus?	9 State 3 situations in which the Church collaborates with others.
25 Tell a joke	26 Do you celebrate important moments of your life in Church?	27 List the groups that you know make up a part of the Church	28 Hop 10 times on one leg	29 	30 Dance the "Macarena"	31 	8
	1 	2 Are the World's problems spoken of within the Church?	3 Would you invite your friends to attend/celebrate Eucharist?	4 	5 What do you like the most about Church? What do you like the least?	6 List 3 improvements you would suggest to the Church.	7 Do you participate in some way?

GOOSE GAME –
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.....LET'S WALK TOGETHER AS A CHURCH WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.