

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SYNOD?

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)

WHO IS PARTICIPATING AND WHY IS MY VOICE NEEDED?

Pope Francis is inviting all to participate. This includes parish groups and Catholic organizations, those from other faith traditions, along with persons with special needs and their families, those living in poverty, the incarcerated, migrants and refugees, as well as other marginalized groups. The full voice of all People of God is needed for true discernment as we listen to one another in the Holy Spirit.

GUIDELINES FOR CONSULTATION

- Speak honestly
- Allow ourselves to listen
- Respect what others share
- Understand that this is only a beginning
- Keep moving through point of agreement
- Keep moving through points of difference
- Pray about what challenges us
- Give thanks to God for one another

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Synod Survey Questions:

1. Will you share a dream, vision, or hope you have for the Church?
2. How do you think the Church can grow in inspiring trust?
3. What are some of the wounds that you feel need the Church's attention?
4. What do you feel we can learn from one another in this Synod?
5. If you could share one thing with Pope Francis right now, what would it be?
6. Is there anything further that you would like to share?

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