



Introduction

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and the bishops would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Synod means “journeying together” and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together.

The synod "is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission."

[Synod Handbook](#)

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Our basic question is:

What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today?

Living as a Synodal Church

According to the International Theological Commission in "Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church" no. 6, synodality is “the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* [way of living and operating] of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active

part in her evangelizing mission.” The idea of synods is not something new; synods emerged from the early Church and the 2021-2023 synod process is not simply “another program” or a “new initiative.” Therefore, “having a synod” is just part of synodality. Synodality is a way of being Church, not just an event or program.



The Ten Key Elements of “Synodality”

from Synod Handbook

- 1 Be companions to each other on the journey
- 2 Listening to the Spirit and each other
- 3 Speaking out
- 4 Celebrating together
- 5 Sharing responsibility for our common mission
- 6 Joining dialogue in Church and in wider society
- 7 Participating in ecumenism
- 8 Each claiming their proper authority and participation
- 9 Being part of discerning and deciding
- 10 Forming ourselves in synodality.



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SYNOD JOURNEY begins,
the First Sunday of Lent following 10:00 Mass.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**