



Encountering Christ through the Synodal Process in the Archdiocese of Baltimore

CONSULTATION CHECKLIST & RESOURCE MATERIALS

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Focus Question

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in our local Church (Archdiocese/parish)? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in “journeying together?”

Supportive Questions

1. What experiences in your own faith life come to mind when you reflect on the fundamental question?
2. Reflect on these experiences (of “journeying together”). What joys did they provoke? What difficulties and obstacles did they cause to remember? What wounds resurfaced? Did they elicit other thoughts or insights?
3. Where is the voice of the Holy Spirit present in these experiences? What is he asking of you? What steps are you being called to take or changes to make? What points do these experiences confirm for you? What paths may be opening up for our local Church as you reflect on these experiences?

Short-Term Goal

Have successful conversations in a synodal spirit reflecting on the state of the Church in “journeying together” that results in a diocesan synthesis/report.

Long-Term Goal

Re-orient the Church toward an inherent synodal attitude in decision making processes through communion, participation and mission.

Resource Materials

[Preparatory Document*](#)

[Vademecum*](#)

[Synod Instruction & Invitation Video](#)

[Instructions for Synodal Conversation](#)

[Synod Parish Meeting Template](#)

[Facilitator’s Guide \(and webinar\)](#)

[Reflection Tools*](#)

[Social Media Toolkit*](#)

[Synod Prayer Card](#)

**Document of the Holy See*

Checklist

- ☐ Appoint consultation coordinators
- ☐ Appoint facilitator(s) & note-taker(s)
- ☐ Prepare coordinators/facilitators (training & education about the Synod)
- ☐ Prepare parishioners (education about the Synod, what is to come)
- ☐ Set date(s) for consultations
- ☐ Invite people (active and not, using tools like the website, bulletin, pulpit announcements, sign ups, social media, signage, etc.)
- ☐ Conduct consultation(s)
- ☐ Compile and submit notes using the online submission form (archbalt.org/synod)