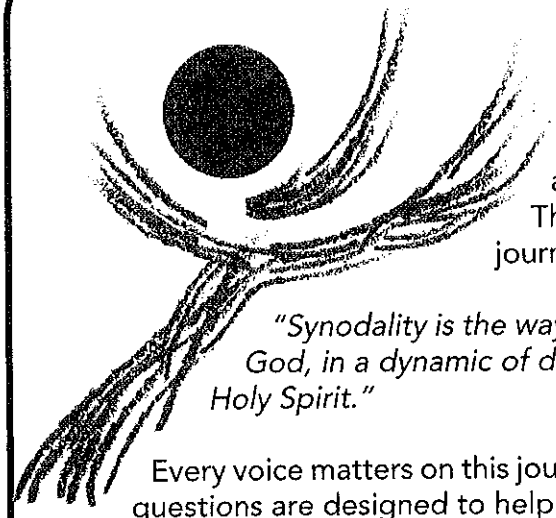
Share your thoughts



Pope Francis has invited the worldwide Church to a time of listening – of listening deeply to each other as we walk side by side, telling our stories of faith. This is what our 'Synodal Journey' means, simply journeying together. He describes it in this way:

"Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit."

Every voice matters on this journey, and the Church wants to hear from you. These questions are designed to help you reflect a little on your own experience of faith, particularly during the pandemic, and to share individually your hopes and dreams for the future. They are designed to complement the Parish Synodal Conversations and the Listening Events around the Diocese. You may want to "pray" through the questions before you answer them. Once completed, please return this sheet to your Parish Office, and what you write will contribute to your Parish's feedback to the Diocesan Synodal Team. Thank you for your generosity in responding in this way.

During the pandemic what strengths did you find in your faith and faith community? In what ways did the grace of God most clearly touch and uplift you? How might you have been disappointed or sorrowful?

What gives you joy in belonging to your Parish or community?

When we say "our Church", who is part of it – and who is missing? What areas of mission might we need to develop?

What steps might the Holy Spirit be inviting the Church to take in order to make our Parishes and communities more welcoming, inclusive and missionary?

What dreams for the Church do you have?