

Synod 2021 – 2023

What is the current Synod and when does it take place?

The Church of God is convoked in Synod. Pope Francis has called the global Church to conduct an extensive connection and intentional “listening tour” on the parish level and beyond, to get direct feedback and hear from the people who make up the church communities.

What is the aim of this Synod?

The aim of the Synod is to discern how we are “living the faith” and how, we as a Church, are achieving this together. A fundamental aspect of the Synodal Process is to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church and by answering one fundamental question: “How does this ‘journeying together’ take place today on different levels, allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel and what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?”

What is the theme of this Synod?

The theme of this Synod is: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.” They are the vital pillars of a Synodal Church, with no hierarchy between them. Rather, one enriches and orients the other two. There is a dynamic relationship between the three that must be articulated with all three in mind.

With this in mind please fill out the questionnaire and mail it back to the church, drop it off in the collection basket, bring it to the office or place it in one of the outside receptacles found in front of the parish office. Future onsite meetings will take place to review and reflect on the answers and comments.

Thank you and God Bless. Bob & Christine Granchie: Co-chairs

2021 – 2023 Synod Parish Questionnaire – Based on the Three Pillars of

~Communion, Participation and Mission~

- 1) Does the Catholic Church offer enough in the way of bringing the faithful into its fold? If not, what can be offered to enhance its message?

- 2) Are the core values and principles of the Catholic Church driving others away from their faith? Should the Catholic Church become more lenient or stricter? How so?

- 3) What are your feelings on the Catholic Church regarding Christ's mission vs. today's society? What constructive changes do you feel could be implemented?

- 4) Do you feel that the Catholic Church listens to its "flock"? Do you feel the lay people's voices should be heard or is it the church's hierarchy responsibility to make decisions?

- 5) What suggestions can be made to influence more participation within the Church and/or within the Mass? Are there opportunities that the Church is missing?

- 6) Considering today's society, is the Catholic Church following God's Word to the best of its ability? Is there something we need to pay more (or less) attention to?

- 7) As Catholics are we doing enough ourselves to preserve, unify and promote our Catholic faith? Do you see us being examples for others to follow? If not, how can we change?

(Please feel free to add additional pages for answers and any additional comments)