



For a synodal Church
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We Want You!

The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, has announced Synod 2021-2023. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to conduct local meetings to discuss this very topic.

Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful, those in religious orders, and the clergy. It also means those who are poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, elderly, young adults, those who no longer practice the faith, women and men. In other words, everyone.

Did you know that when you were baptized you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news to all? This duty then does not lie strictly with the clergy. The Holy Spirit dwells within God's people. The Holy Father recognizes that coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

The 10 themes of the Synod that will be discussed:

- **Companions:** In our local Church, who are those who “walk together”?
- **Listening:** How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
- **Speaking Out:** What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly, civilly, and responsibly in our local Church and in society?
- **Celebration:** How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?

- **Sharing Responsibility:** As missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church?

- **Dialogue:** To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue?

- **Ecumenism:** What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?

- **Participation:** How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken?

- **Discerning:** What methods and processes do we use in decision-making?

- **Forming Ourselves:** How does our church community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?

Learn more at www.CatholicAOC.org/Synod. Want to participate? On the website you will find an opportunity to sign up for one of our local meetings near you. We hope to see you there! And, if you know someone who has left the faith, please invite them to participate too!

If you do not have access to the internet, please tear off the tab below, drop it in the collection basket, indicate which meeting you would like to attend (from the list on the back of this page) and the parish will sign you up. God Bless!

Tear off and place in collection basket.

I wish to participate. Please sign me up!

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Gender (Optional): _____ Age (Optional): _____

Meeting Location you would like to attend: _____

Synod 2021-2023

Archdiocesan Meeting Dates & Sites

Deanery	Date	Time	Location	Street	City	Zip
Cathedral Deanery	1/29/2022	9-11 AM	St Francis Xavier	611 Sycamore St	Cincinnati	45202
St Andrew Deanery	1/13/2022	7PM	Good Shepherd	8815 Kemper Rd	Cincinnati	45249
St Francis DeSales Deanery	2/10/2022	7-9PM	Bartlett Center	6616 Beechmont Ave	Cincinnati	45230
St Lawrence Deanery	2/5/2022	9:30-11:30	St John the Baptist Church, Harrison	10010 Carolina Trace Rd	Harrison	45030
St Margaret Mary Deanery	1/15/2022		St Ignatius of Loyola	5222 North Bend Rd	Cincinnati	45247
Dayton Deanery North	1/13/2022	7-9 PM	Reis Conference Center at St Peter	6161 Chamberburg Rd	Huber Heights	45424
Dayton Deanery South	2/10/2022	7-9 PM	St Albert	3033 Far Hills Ave	Kettering	45429
Hamilton Deanery	1/22/2022	10-12 Noon	Queen of Peace	2550 Millville Rd	Hamilton	45013
St Martin Deanery	1/9/22	2-4 PM	St. Bernadette	1479 Locust Lake Rd	Amelia	45102
	1/16/22	2-4 PM	St Michael	16 North Fourth St	Mt Orab	45167
	1/23/22	2-4 PM	St Mary	212 South High St	Hillsboro	45133
St Marys Deanery	1/18/2022	7-9 PM	St Charles Ctr	2680 US127	Celina	45822
Sidney Deanery	TBD	6-8 PM	St Michael Hall	33 Elm St	Ft Loramie	45845
Springfield Deanery	TBD					