



PARISH EMPOWERMENT SESSION

Topic: Synod on Synodality

Monday, November 8, 2021, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Spring Hill

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Clearwater

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Tampa

Saturday, December 4, 2021 (Spanish Session) St. Patrick Parish, Tampa

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Who should attend the Parish Empowerment Sessions:

Consider inviting....

- Dean/Pastor/Parochial Vicar
- Pastoral Associates/Pastoral Assistants
- Principal/DRE/Youth Minister (invited to coordinate a Synod Session within their ministries, i.e., Parent Association, Junior High Youths, Senior High Youths, etc.)
- Outreach Director (invited to identify how to reach out to those on the peripheries).
- Leader of a Lay Association or Movement within your parish who will coordinate a focused Synod Session with their association members.
- Graduates or Current Participants of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute or the Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI) to assist you in facilitating and/or recording your parish Synod Session(s)
- **SYNOD SESSION COORDINATOR (Deanery-wide or Local Parish Coordinator):** Select one or two people who will coordinate the Synod Sessions for the deanery (if you are the Dean) and/or the local faith community. For the local faith community, this person may also serve as the Courageously Living the Gospel Parish Coordinator. The Synod Session Coordinator will collaborate with the Diocesan Synod Team to ensure successful Synod Sessions. This position handles the operations of the Synod Sessions. The Synod Session Coordinator needs to be good with logistics and have dynamic organization and communication skills. The Coordinator is expected to attend one of the Parish Empowerment Sessions (In English: Nov. 8, 9 or 10, In Spanish: Dec. 4). Please email name(s) of Coordinator to Journey@dosp.org by **Monday, November 15**.
- **FACILITATOR:** Select a Facilitator(s) for your faith community's Synod Session(s). The Facilitator needs to attend one of the Parish Empowerment Sessions and should have the ability to foster dialogue yet keep everyone focused and on topic. **Suggestion:** If your parish has any graduates or current participants of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute or SEPI, you may consider inviting them to facilitate your parish Synod Session(s).

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- **RECORDER:** Select a Recorder for the Evening of Prayer & Discernment Session (January 1 through February 15). The recorder will take notes during the “Large Group Discussion” and present the notes to the Synod Session Coordinator. The recorder may also collaborate with the Facilitator and/or local parish Synod Session Coordinator to prepare the one-to-two-page report. **Suggestion:** If your parish has any graduates or current participants of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute or SEPI, you may consider inviting them to record your parish Synod Session(s).