**Synod-It’s a Church Thing**

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**Creating a Synodal Church**  
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**The Power of Encounter**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. Encountering each individual in a personal way is a part of the process. The Gospels are filled with accounts of how Jesus encountered people in the course of His public ministry. These encounters resulted in healing, forgiveness, and conversion. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**Do We Judge Others?**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. This involves listening to people who might think, act or look different from us. Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith, even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected, or judged? To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**Listening with an Open Heart**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. This involves encountering others and listening to their experiences of faith. This helps us to discern how the Holy Spirit is speaking to us and to the Church at this moment in history.

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**Courageous Encounters**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. We are called to encounter those who are different from us with openness, courage, and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by their presence and their stories. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**Rooted in Prayer**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. This whole process is rooted in prayer. In fact, the Synod is a process of spiritual discernment that unfolds in adoration, in prayer, and dialogue with the Word of God. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**It’s Not Political**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. The living Word of God guides the Synod, preventing it from becoming a Church convention, a study group, a political gathering, or a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**Listening is Essential**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. An important aspect of the Synod is to encounter our brothers and sisters in Christ and to learn about their experiences of faith because true encounter arises only from listening. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**Called to Communion**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. Synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**The Gift of Unity**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. We are called to journey together in order to experience a Church that receives and lives the gift of unity and is open to the voice of the Spirit. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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**Different and Diverse**The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. The synod process will require that we have a willingness to encounter and engage others wherever they may be in their life and spiritual journey – understanding that everyone is at a different place. To learn more visit [www.JourneyingTogether.org](http://www.JourneyingTogether.org).

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