



CHECKLIST FOR PASTORS/PARISHES

1 First “Vista Point” on our Journey Together (Base Effort)

- Pray the Synod Prayer as a faith community. Prayer resources and PowerPoint slides of the prayer are available on the Diocesan website:
<https://www.dosp.org/synod/>
- Encourage your parishioners to attend a local Synod Session (in your deanery): The Session of Prayer & Learning during Advent and the Session of Prayer & Discernment (hosted in January or February).

2 Second “Vista Point” on our Journey Together (Increased Parish Effort)

- Pray the Synod Prayer as a faith community. Prayer resources and PowerPoint slides of the prayer are available on the Diocesan website:
<https://www.dosp.org/synod/>
- Send a delegation to the Parish Empowerment Sessions (In English: Nov. 8, 9 or 10, In Spanish: Dec. 4). Register by **Friday, October 22** at:
<https://www.dosp.org/courageouslyliving/empowerment/>
- Designate someone in the parish to **coordinate**, another to **facilitate** and another to **record** responses. These three individuals are asked to attend the Parish Empowerment Sessions (In English: Nov. 8, 9 or 10, In Spanish: Dec. 4). Please register them by **Friday, October 22** at the link above.

- Host an Evening of Session of Prayer & Learning during Advent and the Session of Prayer & Discernment (hosted between January 1 and February 15) for your parish leaders and/or parishioners and/or Lay Movements and Associations (i.e., Cursillo, Juan XXIII, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, etc.).
- Summit of one-to-two-page synthesis of input received from the Synod Sessions (Guidance provided within the toolkit.) The report is to be reviewed and signed by the Pastor no later than **Tuesday, February 22, 2022** (The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter).

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Third “Vista Point” on our Journey Together (Extraordinary Parish Effort)

- Pray the Synod Prayer as a faith community. Prayer resources and PowerPoint slides of the prayer are available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.dosp.org/synod/>
- Send a delegation to the Parish Empowerment Sessions (In English: Nov. 8, 9 or 10, In Spanish: Dec. 4). Register by **Friday, October 22** at: <https://www.dosp.org/courageouslyliving/empowerment/>

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- ❑ Offer to be a Deanery Synod Center by inviting others in your deanery to attend your parish's Session of Prayer & Learning during Advent OR the Session of Prayer & Discernment. Notify your Dean no later than **Sunday, November 14** of your parish's willingness to host one of two-part Deanery Synod Sessions.
- ❑ Host an Session of Prayer & Learning during Advent and the Session of Prayer & Discernment (hosted between January 1 and February 15) for your parish leaders and/or parishioners and/or Lay Movements and Associations (i.e., Cursillo, Juan XXIII, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, etc.).
- ❑ Host a combined session of prayer, listening and discernment to those on the peripheries within your parish or deanery. Agenda provided at Parish Empowerment Sessions. (Not an exhaustive list, but here are some ideas... feel free to add):
 - * Those who are absent or inactive from Church
 - * Ecumenical Gathering/Associations
 - * The Homeless
- ❑ Host either the two-part prayer, learning & discernment sessions or a combined session of prayer, listening & discernment to those in lay movements or other special ministries within your parish or school. Agenda provided at Parish Empowerment Sessions. (Not an exhaustive list, but here are some ideas... feel free to add):
 - Cursillo Movement
 - Juan XXIII Movement
 - Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 - School parents/families
 - College-age young adults
 - The Greatest Generation (born 1901 to 1927) The Silent Generation (born 1928 to 1945) Baby Boomers (born 1946 to 1964) Generation X (born 1965 to 1980) Millennials (born 1981 to 1996) Generation Z (born 1997 to present) Generation Alpha (starting in the 2010s)
 - Cultural faith communities
 - * African Catholics
 - * Black Catholics
 - * Brazilian Catholics
 - * Filipino Catholics
 - * Haitian Catholics
 - * Hispanic Catholics
 - * Italian Catholics
 - * Indonesian Catholics
 - * Korean Catholics
 - * Native Americans
 - * Nigerian Catholics
 - * Polish Catholics
 - * Tongan Catholics
 - * Traditional Latin Mass
 - * Vietnamese Catholics
 - Junior High Students
 - Senior High Students
 - Young Marrieds
 - Singles
- ❑ Summit of one-to-two-page synthesis of input received from the Synod Sessions. (Guidance provided.) The report is to be reviewed and signed by the Pastor and returned to the Diocesan Synod Team no later than **Friday, April 1, 2022** (The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter).

