SYNODAL PROCESS ON THE DIOCESAN LEVEL

Opening Mass for the

- Bishop to lead the opening Mass at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle.
- Homily on Synodality, Discernment and Listening to the Holy Spirit
- Representation from each deanery
- All parishes will include a general intercession on the Synod and the Synod Prayer
- October 17 at 11:30am in the Cathedral

Diocesan Synod Tear

- An in depth presentation of what synodality is.
- A spiritual day retreat on discernment.
- Who are/what are the peripheries?
- October 28

Evening of Prayer & Catechesis Phase

- Goal is to educate local parish clergy on the synod
- Invite the pastors and the parish to this synodal journey
 Synod Centers
- Training of team for catechesis
- Training of small group leaders
- November 8, 9 10
- December 4 (Spanish)

Evening ofPrayer &

- Goal is to educate parishioners on the synod, discernment and spirituality
- Format style a Lectio Divina (Acts of Apostles & Select Vatican II documents)
- Reflection questions handed out at the end to be answered during the Evening of Prayer & Discernment
- Held in December at Synod Centers or in parishes

Evening of Prayer &

- Small groups6-8 questions to
- reflect on

 Group leaders will facilitate the group discussion and discernment
- Prayer is a constitutive element of the night
- For special groups/those on the periphies, Catecheis Phase and evening of discernment will be combined.
- Held in January/ Febuary at Synod Centers or in parishes

Collating / Writting

- Responses organized, themes highlighted
- Pastoral Synthesis of the responses
- February 22, The Chair of St. Peter -Please return a 1-2 page synthesis to the Pastoral Center Vatican Synod Team.