

For a Synodal Church

Communion, Participation and Mission



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How to Record a Local Synod Session

Recommendations:

- One recorder for each of the small groups
- Two recorders for large group

Standard forms include:

- Date and location of session
- Names of recorders
- Questions to be answered in small group sessions
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Included under each question during large group session:

- Summary or theme of each response
- “Tick” marks next to each response corresponding to number of times the theme was mentioned, if subsequent participants made similar remarks
- Comments to be typed and organized by themes, if possible
- Bullet points would be easiest to follow

Additional guidelines:

- Both recorders will confer after the session to compare notes.
- If possible, comments made in Spanish or other languages are to be translated into English prior to submission.
- The notes will then be presented to the pastor or host of the site, who will then prepare a summary report to be sent to the Synod committee via e-mail: journey@dosp.org.
- Synod committee will review responses and common themes after the discernment sessions, providing summaries from which the Diocesan Synod Team will be able to write the Diocesan summary for review by Bishop Parkes, who will ensure that the document is sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by June 30, 2022.

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Parish Synod Session Small Group Questions

1. Who is journeying with you in your spiritual life. Who doesn't have this accompaniment? Who appears to you to be alone on the journey?
2. Do you feel heard or listened to in the Church? What enables or hinders you in speaking up?
3. How is the Holy Spirit working through your parish to draw people to Christ? What opportunities have we missed?
4. How have your experiences with Catholics different from you in opinion, spirituality, or lifestyle aided you in your faith or challenged you in your faith?
5. How is the Holy Spirit drawing us all closer together in communion, participation, and mission? Where is the Holy Spirit leading the Church?

Parish Synod Session Large Assembly Question

1. What consensus or common thread emerged in regards to what we are doing well?
2. What consensus or common thread emerged in regards to what the Holy Spirit is leading the Church to do better?



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Synodal Conversations Recorder Notes *Small Group Sharing*

Date: _____ Location: _____

Your Name: _____

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Who is journeying with you in your spiritual life. Who doesn't have this accompaniment? Who appears to you to be alone on the journey?



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Question #1 Continued

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Date: _____ Location: _____

Your Name: _____

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Do you feel heard or listened to in the Church? What enables or hinders you in speaking up?



Question #2 Continued

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Synodal Conversations Recorder Notes *Small Group Sharing*

Date: _____ Location: _____

Your Name: _____

3 How is the Holy Spirit working through your parish to draw people to Christ? What opportunities have we missed?



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Question #3 Continued

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## Synodal Conversations Recorder Notes Small Group Sharing

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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How have your experiences with Catholics different from you in opinion, spirituality, or lifestyle aided you in your faith? How have they challenged you in your faith?

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### Question #4 Continued

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Date: _____ Location: _____

Your Name: _____

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How is the Holy Spirit drawing us all closer together in communion, participation, and mission? Where is the Holy Spirit leading the Church?



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Question #5 Continued

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## *Synodal Conversations Recorder Notes* *Large Assembly Question*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 What consensus or common thread emerged in regards to what we are doing well?

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## *Synodal Conversations Recorder Notes* *Large Assembly Question*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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What consensus or common thread emerged in regards to what the Holy Spirit is leading the Church to do better?

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