

Catholic Church Synod: A unique chance for voices to be heard

At the direction of Pope Francis, a Synod has been convoked that will run from 2021 until 2023 entitled, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*.

The Catholic Church has at times called Synods to bring forth the voice of the faithful from a diocese, a country or from around the world. Pope Francis announced this global Synod in September 2021. The Holy Father opened the world-wide Synod on October 10, 2021 in Rome. The local facilitator of the Synod is Deacon John Homoelle. In the coming months more information will be released from the archdiocese about listening sessions and ways locally to participate in the Synod. The local participation in the Synod will conclude in 2022 when all consultation is due back to the Vatican by April. The Synod will be open until 2023 when bishops will meet for a discussion on Synodality in the Church.

Information about the Synod from the Vatican can be found here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/09/07/210907a.html>