

A Synod on Synodality?

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, our archdiocese is targeting Jan and Feb of 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. That opportunity will soon be available on our archdiocesan website, www.catholicaoc.org.

Synod (sin-ed)-an assembly of the clergy and sometimes also the laity in a diocese or other division of a particular Church.