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DIOCESE OF SALFORD

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission Diocesan Stage of the Universal Synod

Pope Francis has launched a worldwide ‘synodal’ process. Synod simply means ‘journeying together’. The Holy Father is inviting us to listen deeply to one another; to discern what God is saying to the Church, and to enter into a dialogue about how we can journey together into the future. We will have our own synodal pathway, within our parishes and communities in the Diocese of Salford, united with every diocese across the world. Then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. We invite you to reflect on the following questions in a spirit of prayer and discernment.

A prayer to the Holy Spirit and a piece of scripture taken from the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), can be found below:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

This consultation will close on 1st March 2022. If you have any issues completing this form, please email synod@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214.

“Were not our hearts burning within us while Jesus talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”
Luke 24:32



Reflection Questions

1. What has been your experience of your parish/community during the Pandemic?

2. How can we best listen to each other, in the Church and in the wider world?

3. How do we communicate with each other in our groups, parishes, diocese? Do we have the freedom to speak openly in a loving way?



4. In what ways does prayer and the celebration of Mass enable us to encounter Jesus more deeply and empower us in our daily lives?

5. What do you sense the Holy Spirit asking of the Church?

6. Who walks with us on our journey of faith? What persons or groups are marginalised?



7. How can we best share the Good News of Jesus with others? What difference are we currently making?

8. In what ways do our parishes/communities speak to each other and the wider society? How could we do this better?

9. How are we as a community listening to, and enriched by, other Christian denominations and other faiths?



10. In what ways do we take collective responsibility (priest and lay faithful collaboration) for our community? What are the fruits of this collaboration, and what are the obstacles and challenges?

11. How do we discern together the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading us? How can we develop this shared responsibility together?

12. What support do we need to help us grow as a Church journeying together, listening to each other and the Spirit?

13. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

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Your Information (Optional)

Please tick the option that most applies to you.

15. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

16. Age

- Under 11
- 11-16
- 17-25
- 26-39
- 40-65
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

17. How would you describe your religion?

- Catholic: Attend church regularly
- Catholic: Attend church occasionally
- Catholic: Do not go to church
- Another Christian denomination (please detail_____)
- Another faith (please detail_____)
- No religion

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