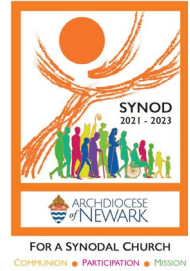


Synod on Synodality Update

Office of the Chancellor
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Walking Together

Information Sessions

About 24 – 30 Information Sessions in Spanish and English were held around the Archdiocese, both in person and via Zoom. This includes parish folks, catechetical leaders and catechists, pastors, staffs, university campus ministers, grade schools and high schools and more. There is a lot of enthusiasm for the synodal process and we are sure that a great deal of valuable input will be generated through the Listening Sessions. It is very gratifying that 180 parishes have participated so far!

If a parish was not able to participate in an Information Session, please note that there is a video and a general video describing a synod at : <https://www.rcan.org/video-sister-donna-ciangio-op-describes-local-synod-process-newark-archdiocese>.

Listening Sessions

Many parishes and other groups have begun or are planning for their Listening Sessions. On the webpage, <https://www.rcan.org/synod-listening-sessions>, you will find a complete Listening Session for parishes, a power point to use at the session with Cardinal Tobin's message embedded, table scribe (reporter) notes and videos for facilitators and table scribes as well as how to run a Listening Session.

Also, thanks to the generosity of members of our Archdiocese, we have Listening Sessions and Facilitator Guides in Resources in Polish, Portuguese, French, Korean, and some in Chinese. There is also a webpage in Spanish with a myriad of resources.

Youth and Young Adult

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry office, in collaboration with our offices of catechetics and schools, have created resources that will serve youth and also young adults. We have included a link of our webpages directly to those resources: <https://www.newarkoym.com/synod202123>.

Synod 2023 Accessible Synodality Planning

Our office of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities has great resources for inclusion of all people in the synodal process. These are all very helpful in planning the various styles of Listening Sessions. These valuable resources were included in the Synod on Synodality media pages from the Vatican. <https://www.rcan.org/www.rcan.org/disabilities/Accessible-Synodality-Planning>

Covid Challenges

This is a challenging time with the pandemic and new strains. We want everyone to stay safe and healthy so you may want to consider some Listening Sessions on Zoom with breakout rooms, or push back your sessions to February and March. We can extend the synthesis reports to April and keep you updated on the actual date.
