

The purpose of the Synod is to inspire people...
'to dream about the Church we are called to be,
to make hopes flourish,
to stimulate trust,
to bind up wounds,
to weave new
and deeper relationships,
to learn from one another,
to build bridges,
to enlighten minds,
warm hearts
and restore strength
to our hands
for our common mission.'
(Synod Preparatory Document)



Everyone is invited to be part of this synodal journey of reflecting, listening, discerning and conversation.

Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on our experience of Church and share our views. He is asking us to share our experience and to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us at this time.

WHEN WILL THE CONVERSATIONS HAPPEN?

Parishes and Pastoral Areas all over the diocese will be holding Synodal conversations during March 2022.



**“I encourage you to take this synodal process seriously and tell you that the Holy Spirit needs you. And this is true: The Holy Spirit needs us. Listen to the Spirit by listening to yourself. “
(Rome, 18th Sept. 2021)**

Invitation to Walk Together as Church: Synod 2022



**Killaloe
Diocese**

Information Leaflet

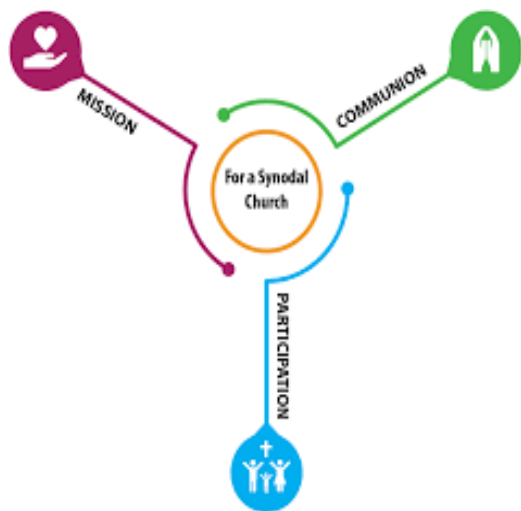


We are asked to consider what changes we need to make to become more inclusive, more participative and more engaged with the world around us.

Pope Francis has asked us to focus our reflection on three areas of our life as Church:

Communion

Participation



Mission

What does Communion mean for you?
Do you have a real sense of belonging to a Church community? Are we living up to our calling to be welcoming and inclusive? Do you know people or groups who feel excluded or marginalised? What can be done to include everybody?

What does Participation mean for you?
Have you had the opportunity to participate in Church? If not, what obstacles do you feel prevent you? How can we promote participation in our parish community?

What do you understand by Mission?
Is our Church community inward-looking or outward-looking? Are we reaching out to those who are hurting or marginalised? What needs call for our response?



How can I participate?

Parishes and Pastoral Areas all over the diocese will be holding many forms of Synodal conversations during March 2022.

Details of your local parish or pastoral area conversations will be available on Parish Newsletters and Social Media platforms.

You are invited to take part in these conversations, to share your views and to listen to others.

You can also take the opportunity to participate online in the Synodal Process by completing the online survey on the Diocesan Website at:

<https://www.killaloediocese.ie/synod-keyqs/>