



Synodal Conversations

Recorder Notes

Date: _____ Location: _____

Fundamental Question

A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.”

How is this “journeying together” happening today in your parish?

How is the Holy Spirit inviting your parish community to grow in “journeying together”?

Core Question 1: Listening

How is God speaking to us through the voices that are in our midst?

How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore, including those on the peripheries?

Core Question 2: Speaking Out

What enables or hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in your parish and society?

What space is there in your parish for the voice of people, including active and inactive members of our faith?

Core Question 3: Sharing Responsibility For Our Common Mission and Sharing Authority and Participation

How are the baptized members of your parish able to participate in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel?

What hinders people from being active in your parish?

Core Question 3: Sharing Responsibility For Our Common Mission and Sharing Authority and Participation

How is authority or governance exercised in your local parish?

How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice in your local parish?

Core Question 4: Discerning and Deciding

How does your parish use the methods of listening and speaking (consultation) to make decisions?

How does your parish promote participation in decision-making within the hierarchical structures of the Church?

Does the decision-making methods of your parish help you to listen to all members of the community, including those who are on the peripheries of parish life?

Core Question 5: Celebration

How does prayer and liturgical celebrations, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide your parish?

How does your prayer life and celebration of the Mass inspire and inform your personal decisions and decisions in the parish community?

How does the parish invite all baptized Catholics, including our ethnic communities, youth, families and persons with disabilities and their families, into the active life of the parish, especially Sunday Mass?
