



For a synodal Church  
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# Tuam Archdiocese

## Prayer for the Synod

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.



## **Pope Francis has called the whole church to a Synodal way. What does this mean for us?**

- Synodality indicates walking together and listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit. It starts with, and involves all across the world, promising to listen to all. "This is a pathway not a runway". This is a 2-year process, leading up to the Synod in Rome in October 2023.
- Pope Francis has emphasized that "it is precisely this path of Synodality which God expects of the Church of the Third Millennium".
- Pope Francis has called for the widest and deepest consultation globally, inviting each person to "look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say"...Listening with the ear of the heart...

### **Purpose of the Synod in the words of Pope Francis**

"To plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hand."

## **What will happen at parish level?**

- We are being asked to reflect, pray, listen and share our lived experiences with others; leading us to active participation and openness to mission in our parishes and dioceses.
- Parishioners will be invited to take part at a local level in their Parish where a meeting will be organized by the Parish Pastoral Council and Priests of the Parish. At this meeting they will be able to pray, reflect and discuss a number of questions and where everybody's views will be heard. Feedback will be recorded and submitted to the diocesan synod team.
- People can also share their views, perspectives and recommendations on the synodal pathway by contacting the email: [synod@tuamarchdiocese.org](mailto:synod@tuamarchdiocese.org)

## **The questions being asked of us at parish level?**

1. In the light of the times we find ourselves in today, how are you?
2. What inspires you in the life of your parish community? And what discourages you in the life of the parish community?
3. How can our Church be more welcoming and inclusive to all?



## **Other Useful information**

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