

For a Synodal Church

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish,

Pope Francis wants to hear from you. He has called a Synod of the entire Catholic church to pose the following fundamental question:



A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeying together:” How is this “journeying together” happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

The Church cannot continue as it is. As to do so in the words of Pope Francis, it will end up being a “museum church”, beautiful but mute with much past and little future”. The Synod provides us with the ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions in keeping with the Mission she has received to carry out and continue the work of Jesus Christ on Earth.

Pope Francis has requested we listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit who comes to guide each one of us in our human efforts to have a church that is full of vitality, is life giving and relevant to the times in which we live.

In our Church nobody is to be a passive recipient. This is why we want to hear from everyone and ask you to reflect on the following questions:

1. What meaning and purpose in your daily life does the Catholic faith and community have for you?
2. What is your view of the Catholic church today?
3. In what areas is the current Catholic church lacking?
4. What changes would you want to make that would nourish and support you, in experiencing the loving community relationship that Christ wishes for us?

Answers will be collected anonymously and submitted as a Synod response. The Parish Council will also reflect on your responses and look to implement change locally in our Parish to further enrich our faith community. Answers can also be submitted via the following online form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQELRuLHNYU6Cpy7RRC8eidl015CqfbRgac5DI1ljugzghw/viewform?usp=sf_link

The deadline for Synod responses is 30th April 2022.

We look forward to receiving your response.

God Bless,

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish Council

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5. Any other comments