



Synod
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission



The whole Church is convoked in synod (PD1)

"The most important historical event since Vatican II"

"For the first time in two thousand years the whole People of God is involved".

- "the most important ecclesial event after the Second Vatican Council".
- "For the first time in two thousand years of Church history, a Synod is called to involve the entire People of God.
- Therefore, making a Synod on synodality does not mean doing it on a theme like so many others, but on the deeper identity of the Church as communion and mission that becomes concrete, historically incisive when it is participated by all. The Church is such, in fact, only when it is carried on its shoulders by all and shared in its heart by all, at the service of its brothers and sisters, especially beginning with the last, the discarded and the existential and spiritual peripheries of our time."

*Monsignor Piero Coda, member of the Theological Commission of Synod 2021-2023,
recently appointed Secretary General of the International Theological Commission*

Synod 2021-2023, here we go!

The spirit of synodality is blowing around the world

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An overview of the synod in local churches

- **Almost all the dioceses around the world have launched the synod with a diocesan celebration.** The Synod takes place at different rhythms in the different parts of the world.
- **Most of the Bishops Conferences have appointed a referent/synodal team** that are doing great work to support and train the diocesan synodal referents/teams. In many BC and dioceses the team is diverse with priests, religious and lay people, men and women. In others the referent is mainly a bishop or a priest.
- **Feeling of a certain unity through this common global synodal process** at the same time experienced through a great diversity according to the realities of local churches : “We are all on the same boat, united to be in the same global synod but implemented in very diverse ways”
- **Documents from the Secretariat (Preparatory Document and Vademecum) have been well received and are used and adapted locally** : The seeds of synodality have been planted with the documents and the opening in Rome and now it is growing all around the world
- **Creativity and local adaptation, many translations and adapted resources** produced by Bishops Conference and dioceses. Many have translated our documents in local languages (tremendous work of translation in many countries to reach the people)

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Por una Iglesia sinodal
comunicación y participación y misión





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*Caminar juntos
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بمناسبة إطلاق الأعمال السينودسية في الأبرشية
"من أجل كنيسة سينودسية: شركة، مشاركة، رسالة".

يحتفل راعي أبرشية أنطلياس المارونية
المطران أنطوان بو نجم
بالقداس الإلهي

وذلك يوم الجمعة ٥ تشرين الثاني ٢٠٢١، الساعة ٦ مساءً
في كاتدرائية القيامة - الربوة، قرنة شهبان.

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Bagi Gereja sinodal
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Synode sur la synodalité

*En parler, c'est bien ;
le vivre, c'est mieux !*







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Facilitators' Training *Synod on Synodality*



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Let the candle light our way!



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Réflechir

Ensemble



A l'avenir !



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DIMANCHE 30 JANVIER (15H-17H) ■

MARDI 1ER FÉVRIER (20H30-22H) ■

JEUDI 24 FÉVRIER (20H30-22H) ■



The Holy Spirit needs us

Pope Francis



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A SZERZETESÉK HANGJA
– egy szolidaris egyházért



MAGYAR KURÍR
KATOLIKUS HÍRPORTÁL

An overview of the synod in local churches

- **Lot of enthusiasm and joy in many countries**, especially lay people in Asia, Africa - “joy of the People of God to answer the invitation of Pope Francis to take part to the synod” - America Latina, Oceania. In some western countries in Europe and North America there is some cynicism and doubt about whether this synod will really have an impact and help to make changes in the church.
- **Shared feeling that something new is happening**, with the involvement of people: experience of a time of transformation/conversion, opportunity for renewal; the image of the disciples on the road to Emmaus recurs several times as an inspiration
- **This synodal process is a learning process**, feeling that we learn from each other, this dialogue between the General Secretariat and the synodal referents/local churches is much appreciated; there is an emerging sense of the value of peer accompaniment as a style of guidance and support that supports and facilitates this learning together
- **Where bishops have interest and are much involved things are going well**, in fact, some expressed how the active and intentional inclusion of the Holy Spirit in discernment and decision making is a “revelation” for them, and how they see the synod as a means of revitalizing the life of the Church in the parishes; more difficult if bishop not so much involved or reluctant
- **A great wish in many places to listen to the poorest and marginalized**, and also those Catholics who no longer practice, but sometimes difficulty to find ways to reach them

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- **The Ecumenical dimension is rather well integrated**, impact of the common letter signed by Card. Koch and Card. Grech
- A good number of countries where Catholic Church is a small minority spoke spontaneously of the **dimension of interreligious dialogue** and the involvement of people from other faith in the synodal listening (Muslims in Middle-East and North Africa, Buddhists in Asia...)
- There are BC where the initial synod opening events included representatives of local government in civil society,
- **Those who were already doing or planning a synodal process have found interesting and creative way to articulate and align their own synodal path with this synod** : In Latin America they refer to the synodal process as connected with the Ecclesial Assembly. The synod will be a kind of first step for the national synodal path they want to launch in Ireland, but also connected to the national synodal process in Chile; for Australia they have imagined a global calendar integrating the Plenary Council on one side and the Synod on synodality on the other side; other example in Hungary the Synod initiated after the Eucharist Congress as a follow up, sometimes more difficult to find the way to connect and articulate a diocesan synod in harmony with the synod on synodality.

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- **Many have done a lot to communicate about the synod** to reach people and involve them, to explain the process using the radio, TV, social media...many websites for the synod launched by BC but also dioceses, cf all the resources on <https://www.synodresources.org>
- **Religious life generally is very well on board**, both UISG and USG have put the topic of the synod and synodality at the center of their plenary assembly and have a common committee for the synod to encourage the religious institutes to take part to the process; Many religious institutes combine the preparation of their general chapter with the synodal consultation, using the synodal listening methodology proposed, and many religious are involved in their diocese to push and support the synodal process
- **Many Church organisations/Communities/movements are putting the synod and synodality at their agenda :** Caritas, Laudato Si movement, religious communities, catholic media organisations, Movements of Catholic Action, new Communities like San Egidio, Focolare, many universities and faculties of theology are doing or planning courses and conference on the synod and synodality, many publications also on synodality.
- **The Synod is seen by many as a crucial moment for the Church** to (re)learn to speak the different languages of today's world (with young people, poor, marginalized... even cultural languages...)

Difficulties/Challenges

- **The synod generates lot of joy and enthusiasm but also a good number of fears** need to be aware of these fears. We can hear also some fears, mainly from some bishops and many priests, but also from lay people and religious who could fear they won't be really listened to. It could also happen that priests are more enthusiastic than lay people.
- **Covid restrictions** and difficulties to meet
- **Difficult social situation with people trying to survive and church having to struggle** in the midst of difficult situations (cf Lebanon, Myanmar, Haïti, Ukraine...)
- **In some countries people are not used at all to express their voice and discuss church topics**, they are used that priests speak and decide everything, but they are excited with this synodal process
- **To make the world aware that the Synod is not a parliament**, a meeting, but a process of discernment, an act of faith, of prayer and of hope. **Need to train people for listening, discernment**, so that the synod is really a spiritual process
- **Great number of local languages and translations**, great distance (Congo, India...)
- **How to enter into dialogue or not with some people or organizations** but sometimes well-organized with a kind of activist/lobby approach? Difficulties with groups having an agenda for the synod but also asking to be listened to.
- **What to do with groups like LGBT groups, women's groups or sometimes religious communities who don't feel their voice will really be listened to**, who are afraid their voice won't be integrated into the diocesan/national synthesis and want to send it directly to the general Secretariat?



“Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.”

Pope Francis

The challenge: to live a new Pentecost !

an aggiornamento for a new impetus, "an event of grace"



The Challenge of Synodality

- “What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word **“Synod.”**”

Journeying together – laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome – is an **easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice.**”

Pope Francis

Address at the [Ceremony Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops](#), October 17 2015

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The aim of the Synod

To learn synodality

Reread and Practice

→ The Synodal conversion of the Church

*Putting into practice the Synodal nature
of the entire Church*

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Thank you!