



Local Process Summary 2021 - 2022

Co-Contacts:

Co-contacts are responsible for coordinating the Listening and Discernment process and ensuring the final report is delivered to the USCCB by the May 30 deadline.

- Dino Durando, director of the Office of Domestic Church & Discipleship and Marriage & Family Life
- Ashlie Hand, director of the Office of Communications

Diocesan Captains:

The Diocesan Captains designate and assist the Diocesan Team members in their efforts to hold Listening and Discernment sessions at each parish, school, or other group according to their area of responsibility (indicated in parentheses below).

- Fr. Charles Rowe, Vicar General for Pastoral Affairs (clergy)
- Fr. Ken Riley, Vicar General for Administration, Chancellor, & Judicial Vicar (Chancery staff)
- Dr. Karen Kroh, Superintendent of Catholic Schools (schools)
- Fr. Andrew Mattingly, City on a Hill Apostolate (young adults)
- Bill Francis, director of the Office of Human Rights (immigrants, poor, unhoused, incarcerated)
- Leyden Rovelo-Krull, director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry (immigrants, Hispanic community)
- Brigitte Chirpich, manager of communications and marketing, Catholic Charities (poor, unemployed, food insecure, unhoused, veterans, deaf and disabled, families and mothers in crisis)
- Michael Nations, director of Youth Ministry (youth not attending Catholic schools)
- Abigail Byron-Goslin, director of Campus Ministry (college campus outreach)
- Kaity Holtman, director of communications, Conception Abbey (seminarians)
- Fr. Matthew Brumleve, Ecumenical & Interreligious Commission (Christian faith groups)

Diocesan Team Members:

Members of the Diocesan Team are responsible for directing the Listening and Discernment sessions for the parish, school, or other group and ensure the input received at each session is delivered to the Diocesan Co-contacts. They will be immediately assisted by the assigned Diocesan Captain.

- Individuals appointed by parish pastors (at least 1 in each parish)
- Leads for non-parish events (assigned by Diocesan Captains)

TIMELINE

Diocesan Phase

Nov. 28: Listening and Discernment sessions begin.

April 8: Local reports due to Diocesan Co-contacts.

May 1: Draft Diocesan Report circulated for internal approval.

May 30: Final Diocesan report submitted to USCCB.

Q2 2022: Pre-Synodal Meeting

Episcopal Conferences and Synods of Oriental Churches

USCCB compiles input from all U.S. dioceses to submit for the first edition of the Instrumentum Laboris, which will be published by the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. Due: August. 31, 2022

The Continental Phase

The initial Instrumentum Laboris will be the “working document” for the seven continental meetings: Africa, Oceania Asia, Middle East, Latin America, Europe and North America.

These seven international meetings will in turn produce seven Final Documents that will serve as the basis for the second Instrumentum Laboris, which will be used at the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

The Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Bishops and auditors will gather with the Holy Father Pope Francis to speak and listen to one another on the basis of the Synodal Process that began at the local level. The aim is to discern at a universal level the voice of the Holy Spirit who has been speaking throughout the entire Church.