



What is a synod?

Synod is an ancient and venerable word that indicates the path along which the People of God walk together.

Synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel.

Who has called us together?

By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium."

Why now?

A global pandemic, local and international conflicts, growing impact of climate change, migration, various forms of injustice, racism, violence, persecution, and increasing inequalities across humanity.

What is the end goal?

To listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

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