



Listening Church

Bishop Gary Gordon of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria invites you to help chart a course for our journey together, now and in the future, as the people of God. You can watch his video introduction to the Synod at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/synod>.

You are encouraged to sign up for one of the Listening Circles that we are offering (more information and how to register are at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/synod>). If you cannot participate in the Listening Circles and would like to offer your own personal reflections, you are invited to use this response form.

In responding to the questions below, it is helpful to keep the following in mind:

Journeying together occurs in two deeply interconnected ways:

1. We journey together with one another in our churches or in our communities.
2. Our churches or communities journey together with the entire human family.

These two perspectives enrich one another, and are helpful for our common discernment towards deeper communion and more fruitful mission. As you reflect on journeying, think about how you have journeyed in the past, how you journey now in the present, and how you will journey in the future.

Please know that all information you enter into this form is confidential. Your responses will be incorporated into the Diocesan report without any identifying information. The responses from everyone in the Diocese of Victoria who participates in the Synod will be combined so that the synthesis from our Diocese can be sent on to other levels of the Church. Eventually, syntheses from dioceses around the world will be used in the 2023 Synod of Bishops.

Please contact the Diocesan Synod Team at synod@rcdvictoria.org or 240-479-1331 if you have any questions or concerns.

We invite you to start by reflecting on this scripture passage:

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:13-14

FOR IN THE ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY - JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVES OR FREE - AND WE WERE ALL MADE TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT. INDEED THE BODY DOES NOT CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER BUT OF MANY.

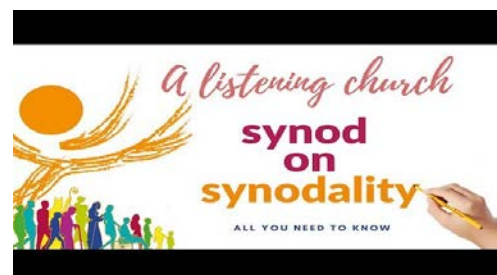


Next, watch this video by Fr. Timothy Radcliffe: "Synodality makes us 'dare to listen'" (2:57min):

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=OGrc72hcQIE>

Then, go on to watch this video by Rahai: "Synod on Synodality- All You Need to Know" (through Sketches and images) (6:24 min)

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=I51Aktuejwo>



1. A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together". How is this "journeying together" happening today in your particular church or community? As you reflect on "journeying together", what are the ways you feel you are experiencing this? Are there ways you wish you could experience it? Can you think of anything that prevents you from experiencing it?

2. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in our "journeying together"? What comes to mind when you envision ways you would like to be more engaged in "journeying together"?

3. As you were answering the previous questions, what thoughts and emotions stirred in you? These insights might relate to how you envision being part of "journeying together" in new or expanded ways.

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5. Tell us your name (required):

6. Which parish do you belong to? If you do not belong to a parish, please put "none" (required):

7. If you would like us to contact you by phone, what is your phone number?

8. Thank you! Is there anything else that you would like to add?