



Pope Francis has invited the worldwide Church to participate in preparing for the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

The topic? SYNODALITY

When does the Synod Consultation take place?

The diocesan phase of the consultation began on November 7, 2021 in the Diocese of Covington and will conclude in April 2022. The national and international phases of the consultation will begin in the fall of 2022 and continue into 2023. The entire process culminates with the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

Who should participate?

Everyone! The goal of the process is to have a wide consultation, involving the greatest number of people possible. In a particular way, we want to hear from those whose voices may not often be heard: youth, women, the elderly, people with disabilities, people who live in poverty, Catholics who rarely or no longer practice their faith, those on the margins, etc.

Diocesan parishes, institutions, religious houses, agencies and organizations are planning opportunities for people to participate.

How can people participate?

There are two main ways to be involved:

1. Listening sessions will be held in a variety of formats during the months of January, February and March as determined by individual parishes, institutions, agencies and organizations.
2. An online survey is available for those unable to participate in a listening session. Visit www.covdio.org/synod.

Look for more information in the diocesan *Messenger*, in parish communications, on social media, and on the diocesan website, www.covdio.org/synod. Or visit <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

