



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

What are the next steps in the Synod Process?

The feedback received from the diocesan consultation over the past three months (local listening sessions, individual responses, and the Pre-Synodal Assembly) will be compiled into an overall summary. This summary will serve as the Diocese of Covington's concrete contribution to the universal Synod process. It can also serve as a resource in identifying future steps on the path of synodality for our local Church.

The summary will be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for compilation with the summaries received from the other dioceses of the United States. This "national" summary will contribute to the development of the working documents (*Instrumentum Laboris*) that will be studied and discerned on the continental level and then finally by the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all those who coordinated, organized, and participated in the Synod consultation in the Diocese of Covington. The sharing of your faith, talents, and experiences is greatly appreciated! Please continue to pray to the Holy Spirit that the Synod on Synodality will bear fruit according to God's will for all of us, everywhere, who are the Body of Christ, the Church.

Look for more information on the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality in the diocesan *Messenger*, on social media, on the Vatican website <https://www.synod.va/en.html>, or on the diocesan website www.covdio.org/synod.

