

# **Synod Listening Session Participant Guidance**

Thank you so much for signing up to participate in a Synod Listening Session. We are so pleased to have you participate. This is just a general overview of how to prepare for your Listening Session. Additional information will be sent prior to your specific session.

## ***PRAY***

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide this Synod experience for all our brothers and sisters around the world.
2. Pray for our Diocese that each parish will welcome the opportunity to share in this historic journey.
3. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you personally discern your thoughts about the questions in the Participant's Guide.
4. Pray for our facilitators and notetakers who have generously donated their time and talents to these Synod Listening Sessions.
5. Pray for those who have felt separated from the Church, their faith, or God, that this Synod journey will provide them the safe and non-judgmental opportunity to have their voice listened to.

## ***PREPARE***

1. Read the Foundational Question in the 000 of the Participant Guide. (A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together": How is this 'journeying together' happening in your particular Church? What steps does the

Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together? This question will be part of each listening session in addition to one of the other sections.

2. Invite and encourage other parishioners to participate.
3. Reach out to those who may feel separated from the Church and/or their faith. They are a critical part of this Synodal journey, and we welcome and need their input.
  - a. Prince of Peace will provide talking points/questions for people to use are part of a discussion.
  - b. The Synod Advisory Team is willing to reach out to individuals who wish to share their experience but do not wish to talk to a family member or close friend. Please provide the individual(s) name and contact information to [parentfirst@cox.net](mailto:parentfirst@cox.net) or [Sister.Dolores@popparish.org](mailto:Sister.Dolores@popparish.org)

**Finally, continue praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

