

ROADMAP FOR THE JOURNEY TO THE SYNOD

General Synod - October 2023

Meeting of the General Synod of Bishops in Rome
At the conclusion, a document or exhortation will be released as the Bishop's response to what was presented in the global dialogues.

Pastoral Planning and Outreach

April 12: Chrism Mass begins a process of planning pastoral outreach based on dialogues.
June 5: Pentecost Sunday, response plans begin.

National Synthesis - April 2022

Responses from all US Diocesan dialogues are sent to the USCCB & a process of synthesizing into one national document begins.

Time of Discernment & Synthesis - March/April

Responses gathered from Dialogues and combined to one unified report to send to the National team.
Process of local discernment to ascertain how our particular Church can uniquely respond to local needs presented

Community Dialogs - January/February 2022

Dialogues will be held to discuss the questions related to the Synod Process.
Regional Dialogues will be hosted in 4 locations for parishes and persons who wish to attend.
Facilitators will be provided for Parishes, Communities, Movements, and other Institutions who wish to host their own.

Preparation of Dialogs and Facilitators - Advent 2021

Training of Facilitators for Regional and Parish Dialogues
Selection of Dates and Locations for Regional Dialogues
Invitations to Parish Communities for Dialogues

Enthronement of the Word of God

Oct./Nov: in homes and in Parish organizations and meetings.

Evening of Prayer and Communion

Oct. 20: St. John the Baptist, Madison
Nov 2: St. Francis U of A, Tuscaloosa
Nov 4: Cathedral of St Paul, BHM
Nov 8: Our Lady of the Lake, Pell City

Local Opening Mass - Oct. 17, 2021

Cathedral of St Paul, Bishop Raica
In all Parishes w/ Pastor

Papal Opening Mass

Oct. 10: Vatican City

