

# Synod on Synodality – what does this mean?

Pope Francis is inviting the entire church to call upon the Holy Spirit to work in us to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds and to learn from one another. Synod is an ancient word that indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together.

All are invited and encouraged to participate. There will be an information session on **Sunday, November 21 at 4 PM** at Nativity that will provide more background information along with concepts to consider and reflect upon. Something to think about: How are we journeying together as a parish? What joys do these journeys bring to mind? What difficulties and obstacles have we encountered? You will have the opportunity to provide input on **Sunday, December 5 at 4 PM** at Nativity.

You can read more about the synod at [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va) or [https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/synod/index.htm](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/index.htm) (the first page lists the synod documents). This is the first phase of listening to and consulting the People of God in the hope of helping set in motion the ideas, energy, and creativity of all those who will take part in the journey as we dream about the church of the third millennium.

Watch for more inserts in the weekly bulletins from your Mater Dei Parish Synod team: Rudy Daniels, Linda Harrington, and Bev Wharton

