



Synod Small Groups Explained

This fall our parish, along with all the parishes of the Archdiocese, will be participating in the Archdiocesan Synod Parish Consultation Process with Small Groups. The small group discussions will address the Synod focus areas in the context of Scripture & Church teaching.

Here's how you can participate!

Definition of Roles in a Synod Small Group

Small Group Active Participant:

Participate as a member of a Synod Small Group by actively listening, sharing faith stories and thoughts. An active participant allows room for the Holy Spirit to guide their learning, listening, and sharing. Active participants will also fill out a simple feedback form on two questions based off the topic of discussion. We invite active participants to share as much or as little as they feel comfortable in their small group.

Small Group Facilitator:

Participate as the Facilitator of a Synod Small Group by leading the members through the provided materials and discussion questions. The Facilitator will also fill out a simple feedback form on two questions based off the topic of discussion. The small group facilitator allows room for the Holy Spirit to guide the discussion and actively listens and contributes to the conversation.

Small Group Scribe:

Participate as the Scribe of a Synod Small Group by electronically uploading the simple feedback forms from each member of the group to the Archdiocese after each session. The scribe is not required to take notes during the small group discussions, rather, they are encouraged to allow the Holy Spirit guide their active listening and faith sharing.

To learn more, please visit www.stbridgetofsweden.org/syondsmallgroups.



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Small Group Session Description

Each session will follow a two hour video created and provided by the Archdiocese. The sessions will cover the focus areas determined by Archbishop Hebda. Within each video, a focus area will be presented by two subtopics.

Sessions will take place once a week for six weeks consecutively between the dates of September 19, 2021 and November 14, 2021.

Small Group Session Outline:

- 1) Open with Lectio Divina Prayer
- 2) Listen to lesson on subtopic #1
- 3) Small group discussion guided by provided questions on subtopic #1
- 4) Complete feedback evaluation form on subtopic #1
- 5) Listen to lesson on subtopic #2
- 6) Small group discussion guided by provided questions on subtopic #2
- 7) Complete feedback evaluation form on subtopic #1
- 8) Close in prayer

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