

## **10 Questions for the Synod**

### **The Journeying Companions**

Who walks with us on the path of our faith and life journey together? Who can we see at the edge of the path? How might we walk with them? How do we meet, walk and welcome those curious about faith because of the pandemic?

#### **Listening**

How do we listen to each other in these post-pandemic days? What do we hear? How do we make our listening a “listening of the heart” and not just about hearing what’s being said? How do we listen to the signs of the times outside the church and respond to them?

#### **Speaking Out**

How well do we communicate with each other in our groups, parish, partnership, diocese? Do we have the freedom, truth and charity to speak with candour, directness and sincerity (parrhesia) and prudence? How are we living out our prophetic vocation to speak the truth as revealed by Jesus, given at baptism?

#### **Celebrating**

In what ways do the Mass and the Sacraments inspire us to a deeper encounter with Jesus? How does prayer change how we understand our involvement in the mission of the church? What flows out from the Mass and the Sacraments to our local communities?

#### **Co-responsibility in the Mission**

How does our identity and action as church relate to the Great Commission of Jesus to make disciples of all the nations? What formation do we need to be more committed to the mission of the church? How are we having an impact and making a difference?

#### **Dialogue in Church and Society**

In what ways does our church community speak to society? How can we have further impact in this area? In what ways can we develop dialogue with those who hold different views?

#### **With Other Christian Denominations**

How are we as a community listening to and enriched by other faith traditions? In what ways can our faith be further enhanced by our other Christian brothers and sisters?

#### **Authority and Participation**

In what ways are we taking collective responsibility for our community? How do the lay faithful collaborate effectively in the life of the local church? What are the fruits of this collaboration, and what are the obstacles and challenges?

#### **Discerning and Deciding**

What are the opportunities in our community to be involved in decision making? When are there opportunities for communal discernment? In what ways is our local community accountable and transparent? How can we develop this co-responsibility further?

#### **Forming Ourselves in Synodality**

In what ways are we as a local community effective in passing on the faith? What support do we need to help us grow as a church journeying together? What formation would assist our personal and community development? How do we continue the listening and dialogue beyond this process so that the church has a “lived synodality” as the Holy Father asks?