



Roman Catholic
Diocese of Whitehorse



Walk together as a Church in the Holy Spirit

November 7, 2021 to April 30, 2022

Pope Francis invites the Church to participate in the 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome by asking people in every Diocese in the world to pray, reflect and share what the Holy Spirit is telling us today.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

1. Attend your parish's roundtable
2. Host a small group discussion with friends or family
3. Submit your own individual reflection

Visit whitehorsediocese.ca/Synod for more details

HOW CAN I PREPARE MY HEART?

1. Pray the *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus* prayer
2. Reflect on the main theme and question of the Synod:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together:" How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church?

What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

3. Read the scriptures:

Acts 10:34 (Peter's Speech)

Matthew 15:21-28 A Woman's Faith

John 4:1-42 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 9 Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

WHAT IS OUR DIOCESE'S FOCUS?

In our organized groups, these are the themes we will be focusing on:

1. Our parishioners in Yukon and Northern BC come from a variety of different cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Listening to the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist unites us and gives us the strength to walk in communion and journey together in this world. **How do we celebrate together in the Church?**
2. Feeling heard, listening with love and openness to others, and being able to express ourselves and our faith freely and charitably are of the utmost importance to journey together with each other and with the world around us. **How does the Holy Spirit inspire us when we communicate with each other in the Church and with others outside the Church?**
3. We are in a missionary Diocese. The reality and challenges within our churches and communities vary depending on where we live in the Yukon or Northern BC. Nevertheless, in our "journey together", we all have gifts and strengths to share with others, both in the Church and in the broader society. **How can we carry out together the mission of the Church within our faith community and in our broader society?**

For a synodal Church

communion | participation | mission

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All baptized are the subject of the *sensus fidelium*, the living voice of the People of God. At the same time, in order to participate fully in the act of discerning, it is important for Catholics to hear the voices of other people in our local context, including those who have left the practice of the faith, those from other faith traditions, and those of no religious beliefs. No one should be excluded from sharing their perspective and experiences. **Parishioners are welcome to invite people from beyond their Church circle to join in their discussions.**

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE?

All group and individual submissions must be received by the Diocese by **April 30, 2022.**

Email your responses to executiveassistant@whitehorsediocese.ca OR
Mail or drop off at 5119 – 5th Avenue in
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1L5

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Contact your local Catholic church
- Visit the Diocesan website at whitehorsediocese.ca
- Visit the Synod website at synod.va

Synod Prayer: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make Yourself
at home in our hearts; Teach us the way
we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

We are weak and sinful;

do not let us promote disorder.

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path nor partiality influence
our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that
we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and
what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at
work in every place and time in the
communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen*

“Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.” - Pope Francis