

# Synod 21-23

## For a synodal Church

### ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! This Synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission."



### PATHWAY FOR CONSULTING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pope Francis is asking that the entire Church participate in this Synod. The faithful, clergy and religious are invited to journey together by listening, dialoguing, praying, discerning and making decisions for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ before the 2023 gathering of Bishops in Rome. In our Archdiocese, we will pray, listen and talk with one another through parish and community listening sessions and Archdiocesan listening sessions.

The hope of this journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

### THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF THE SYNOD

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together:" How is this "journeying together" happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

We will explore 10 themes throughout the process:

- The Journeying Companions
- Listening
- Speaking Out
- Celebrating
- Co-responsible in the Mission
- Dialogue in Church and Society
- With the other Christian Denominations
- Authority and Participation
- Discerning and Deciding
- Forming Ourselves in Synodality

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# Synod 2021

## TIMELINE OF DIOCESAN PHASE FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES *rev.11/17/21*

SEPTEMBER

- Archdiocesan Synod steering committee and contact person appointed

OCTOBER

- **OCTOBER 31, 2021:** Synod Opening Liturgy with Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 10:00am in-person and live streamed

NOVEMBER -  
DECEMBER

- Synod Process Committee prepares parish and community resources for the consultative process
- Launch Archdiocesan Synod website

2022

- Virtual facilitator training sessions available

JANUARY -  
MARCH

- Synod listening sessions take place in our parishes and communities
- Submission of listening session reports online

APRIL -  
MAY

- Study the results of the process and listening sessions
- Preparation and feedback on the Archdiocesan synthesis report

JUNE

- Submission of the Archdiocesan synthesis report to the USCCB
- Mass in celebration of the closing of the Archdiocesan Synod process

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