

Quick links

'For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission'

- The [official synod website](#)
- [Introduction](#) to the Synod process:
includes 2-minute video and infographic (Vatican News website)
- Pope Francis, [Address](#) to the faithful of the Diocese of Rome, 18 September 2021. An outline of Francis' vision for the synodal process in accessible and pastoral language.
- Pope Francis' [homily](#) at the official launch of the synodal journey in which he briefly outlines the call to 'encounter, listen, discern'.
- Official [Preparatory Document](#) (for first phase of consultation)
 - Dimensions of synodality, *Preparatory Document*, no.2, pp.3-4
 - 'Listening to the Scriptures', *Preparatory Document*, nos.16-24, pp.19-27
 - The Fundamental Question, *Preparatory Document*, no.26, p.30
 - Different Articulations of Synodality, *Preparatory Document*, no.27, pp.31-33
 - Ten Thematic Nuclei to be Explored, *Preparatory Document*, no.30, pp.34-37
- [Tools for reflecting](#) on the fundamental question
- [Vademecum](#) (Handbook). This accompanies the Preparatory Document and is particularly relevant to those charged with organising consultative processes.
- Synod [Prayer](#) of invocation to the Holy Spirit (in various languages)
- CICALSAL [Letter](#) to all consecrated men and women (at Synod of Bishops [website](#))
- [Newsfeed](#) of the Vatican synod website – brief items, videos, interviews. This section is useful for highlighting specific themes in a concise format, and perhaps as 'conversation starters'.
- ITC, '[Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church](#)' (2018)
The International Theological Commission (ITC) undertook a study of synodality in the life and mission of the Church. The resulting document provides guidelines for unpacking the biblical and theological meaning of 'synodality' and some pastoral implications for mission.
- Pope Francis on the practice of synodality (opening to the 2018 Synod of Bishops on 'young people, the faith, and vocational discernment'), [Vatican website](#).
- Australian Catholic Bishops [webpage](#), including 4½ minute [video](#) 'Introduction to Synod 2023'.