

The Synod: an Invitation to Encounter, Listen, and Discern (Con't)

The Synod is about

planting dreams,
drawing forth prophecies and visions,
allowing hope to be nourished,
inspiring trust, binding up wounds,
weaving together relationships,
awakening a dawn of hope,
learning from one another,
and creating a bright resourcefulness
that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give
strength to our hands.

(see: Preparatory Document, quoting Pope Francis)

The Synod is not about

producing documents.

The Synod is

a consultation process:
listening to the entire people of God,
especially those on the peripheries.

The path to the 2023 Synod in Rome

is designed to engage
the baptized of every diocese,
every bishops' conference,
and every continental Church body.

"The consultation

will unleash the biggest popular consultation
in history,
aimed at reaching over a billion people.
The object ...
is to open us to
a permanent conversion of heart,
a change of hearts,
and a change of culture
at all levels of the Church."

– Cardinal Joseph Tobin

For more information, see:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/synod-preparatory-document>

and:

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Please join in praying for the Synod -
you'll find the prayer on page 7.

