

A stylized graphic featuring a large orange sun in the upper left and a tree with orange and brown branches extending across the top and left. At the bottom left, there is a row of colorful silhouettes representing diverse people, including a person with a cane, a person in a wheelchair, and a child.

# For a Synodal Church:

## Communion, Participation, & Mission

Diocesan Synodal Network  
20 January 2022

## 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.

# Diocesan Synodal Network USCCB Webpage

**Webpage:** <https://www.usccb.org/diocesan-synodal-network>

**Password:** Synodality2022



## Spiritual Conversation for Synod Consultations

### Facilitator and Notetaker Trainings



#### Train Leaders in Synod Listening

The Synod of Bishops is recommending the Ignatian practice of Spiritual Conversation as the method for Synodal Consultations.

This online virtual training will provide parish leaders with the skills, tools and experience to lead Synodal Consultations that are prayerful, engaging and collaborative.



#### Trainings include:

- Ignatio process and facilitation
- Overview of Synodality
- Experiential training in small groups
- Arrangements: planning for hosting spiritual conversations
- Diocesan Manual
- Electronic forms in various ways to Diocese
- Spanish and English
- Optional Orientation Session for Pastors
- Open Space Follow-up Support Meetings

#### Dates and Details

All Virtual Trainings will be offered on weeknight evenings 7-9pm EST

**DATES:** February 8, February 13, March 8, March 14

**COST:** Each Diocese is asked to contribute toward all materials plus fee/per participant.

Trainings can accommodate 700 participants each. Dioceses can register as many participants as desired up to the meeting capacity.

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# [www.synodmeetings.com](http://www.synodmeetings.com)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Synod 2021-2023 website. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the word "DONATE" in white. Below this is the Synod 2021-2023 logo, which features a stylized figure with arms raised and the text "Synod 2021 2023". The main heading reads "Communion | Participation | Mission" with the tagline "Be a protagonist in the future of the Catholic Church!".

There are two main sections: "Find a Meeting" and "Post a Meeting".

- Find a Meeting:** Includes a search bar for "Enter ZIP Code" with a "Search" button, a "Search by State" dropdown menu, and a link for "National Virtual Meetings".
- Post a Meeting:** Includes a text prompt: "If you know of a meeting that is not listed, please share the details and we will include it." and a blue "Post a Meeting" button.

Below these sections are three columns of text:

- Left Column:** "Pope Francis is calling on all baptized Catholics and all people of good will to enter into conversation and discernment with him, the bishops and one another about the future of the church."
- Middle Column:** "The Pope is making a special invitation to everyone in the peripheries and edges of the church. Your input and participation is central to this once in a generation opportunity to shape the future vision of a church that you can believe in, a church that learns as well as teaches. We are the teachers. We are the protagonists."
- Right Column:** "Share your hope and vision for a church you can believe in. Meetings are occurring in local parishes and dioceses through August 2023." Below this is the Jesuits logo and the text "In partnership with the Jesuits of Canada and the United States".

At the bottom left, there is a small text: "An initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops". At the bottom right, there is a Twitter icon.



# Small Group Questions

- What is gospel story of **Jesus engaging with the peripheries** that resonates with you?
- What encouragement do you draw from the story for your **own ministry as a leader on the synodal path**?
- What **successes** have you had in engaging persons on the margins?
- What **challenges** have you faced in engaging people on the margins?
- In addition to Catholic Charities, what **organizations** might you engage with?





# Regions

- Region I (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont)
- Region II (New York)
- Region III (New Jersey and Pennsylvania)
- Region IV (District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, West Virginia, and the Military Archdiocese)
- Region V (Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee)
- Region VI (Ohio and Michigan)
- Region VII (Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin)
- Region VIII (Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota)
- Region IX (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska)
- Region X (Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas)
- Region XI (California, Hawaii, and Nevada)
- Region XII (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington)
- Region XIII (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming)
- Region XIV (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina)
- Region XV (Eastern Catholic Churches)