



National Organizations & the Synod

For the purposes of the Synod, the USCCB has created what is being called “Region XVI” (based on the [USCCB Regional Model](#)) for national Catholic organizations to submit syntheses for the Consultation Phase of the Synod. The portal for submission is not established yet, but will be on the USCCB website when it is. There is a [letter of invitation](#) for national organizations to participate in the Synod on the USCCB website. Please contact synod@usccb.org with any questions.

Deadline

The deadline to submit a synthesis from your national organization to the USCCB is **Thursday, June 30, 2022.**

Requested Content

(1) Demographics of the consulted group, including: the number of people at the session, age, gender, ethnicity, etc. We suggest offering a few minutes during introductions to ask people if they would like to share ways in which they self-identify.

(2) Consultation Context: the parish, religious order, or organization that hosted/facilitated the consultation(s).

(3) Methodology – was it a listening session? Was a specific guide use? Did you create your own guide?

(4) Central themes, topics, questions and recommendations that arose within the consultation(s).

Beyond these four requests, it is for the organization to discern the contents of their synthesis. This is a time to be creative. *How is the Holy Spirit calling your organization to participate?* If you have already begun consultations, and you have not collected these elements, do not worry. We ask that you capture these things to the best of your ability.

Synthesis Specs

- Word Document
- 10 Pages
- Double-spaced
- 1” Margins
- 12 pt Times New Roman Font
- Up to 10 Items of Supporting documentation
 - This can include photos, video, art, etc