

## **Synod of Bishops in Rome**

### **Contact information for the Synod of Bishops**

*(send your synodal discernment report here)*

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### **How to send your synod events to be posted on the Vatican Synod Resource page.**

You can send your synod events to the [webmaster@synodresources.org](mailto:webmaster@synodresources.org)

for posting on the Vatican website <https://www.synodresources.org/resources/>

*Note: Women's Ordination Conference, New Ways Ministry, and the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests have resources listed.*

### **The Official Synod Preparatory Document**

[https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/preparatory-document/pdf-21x21/en\\_prepa\\_book.pdf](https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/preparatory-document/pdf-21x21/en_prepa_book.pdf)

### **The Official Synod Vademecum (handbook)**

<https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/vademecum/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf>

*Important Note: If your diocese is not conducting an inclusive process, you can still submit direct input to the synod office in Rome. Page 14 of the [vademecum](#) handbook reads:*

*Religious communities, lay movements, associations of the faithful, and other ecclesial groups are encouraged to participate in the Synodal Process in the context of the local Churches. However, it is also possible for them, and for any group or individual that does not have an opportunity to do so at the local level to contribute directly to the General Secretariat.*

Use the address at the top of the page to submit your direct input. The Synod says they prefer group submissions rather than individual, but if there are no available groups or options, please submit individually.

### **USCCB**

The USCCB is also providing a pathway for organizations to submit synodal input. They write:

*Friends, Pope Francis has invited every Catholic to participate in For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. The invitation bars no one from sharing their voice. As a national Catholic organization your voice is crucial for the synodal process. National Catholic organizations and institutions like yours can help in reaching out and listening to various people that might not connect with the Church, especially those on the margins. The USCCB is asking that all Catholic-affiliated organizations and institutions consider the ways in which they can contribute to the synodal process in a meaningful way.*

Thus, the USCCB is offering resources that can be adapted to fit your organization's needs. Go to [www.usccb.org/synod](http://www.usccb.org/synod) or Write to the USCCB Synod Team at [synod@usccb.org](mailto:synod@usccb.org).

**\*\* IMPORTANT:** Consultations/discernment reports that you would like to report must be submitted to the USCCB by **June 30, 2022**, so they may be integrated into the USCCB synthesis. Submission details will be forthcoming.

Contacts:

Richard Coll, Executive Director Justice, Peace, & Human Development

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#### **USCCB invitation for National Organizations to Submit**

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Invitation%20to%20Organizations%20for%20the%20Synod.pdf>

#### **USCCB Three Ways to Listen on the Margins**

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Three%20Ways%20to%20Listen%20on%20the%20Margins.pdf>

#### **USCCB Synod Recommendations for Dioceses**

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/USCCB%20Synod%20Recommendations%20for%20Dioceses%20Revised.pdf>

#### **Deadline for giving synod input:**

USCCB: June 30, 2022

Synod of Bishops: August 15, 2022

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-10/synod-extension-first-phase-general-secretariat.html>

**How to get involved with a synodal meeting outside or in addition to your parish/diocese gathering (this is not a comprehensive list)**

Virtual synod meetings can be found here: <http://synodmeetings.com/national-virtual-meetings/>

FutureChurch

<https://www.futurechurch.org/synod-2023-sessions>

Voice of the Faithful's synodal gatherings

<https://www.votf.org/content/listening-faithful-vatican-releases-synod-preparatory-document-vatican-news>

Association of U.S. Catholic Priests resources

<https://auscp.org/join-with-others-in-synodality/>

Cathy Harmon-Christian is working for Association of US Catholic Priests on their Synod effort.

Contact her at [synodality@gmail.com](mailto:synodality@gmail.com)

Women's Ordination Conference gatherings

<https://www.womensordination.org/let-her-voice-carry-2/>

New Ways Ministry gatherings

<https://www.newwaysministry.org/synod/>

**Some guides for leading synodal gatherings:**

From Leadership Roundtable

[https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/resources/external\\_tools/Process-for-Facilitating-Synodal-Consultations.pdf](https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/resources/external_tools/Process-for-Facilitating-Synodal-Consultations.pdf)

From the Washington archdiocese:

<https://adw.org/about-us/resources/synod-parish-resources/>

Synodal gathering opportunities