

- Who decided what would and would not be in the document?

The delegates elected a commission. Here is an article about that
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/255641/synod-on-synodality-who-is-overseeing-the-draft-report-at-the-end-of-the-assembly>

And from NCR: <https://www.ncronline.org/vatican/vatican-news/synod-elects-members-oversee-synthesis-report>

- The Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests were in Rome during Synod and shared our inclusive ministries that have been widening the Church's tent and fostering a Church for everyone for 21 years. We hope Pope Francis meets with Roman Catholic Women Priests as part of "todos, todos, todos!"
- Priests getting more orthodox because diocese have litmus test for orthodoxy There are men interested in becoming seminarian but diocese will not admit them
- If you aren't at the table, you are probably on the menu.
- you can legislate a Pastoral Council but if you fill them with "yes people" hand picked....what's the point?
- I'm new to this and have no idea who Phyllis Zagano is. Why does she stop at saying "restore women to the diaconate" instead of going forth with "women must be ordained as deacons, priests, and bishops"?
- We need a theology of the feminine dimensions of God!
- The process was a gift of the Holy Spirit.
- When we started this work in Pittsburgh four years ago and thought we were getting nowhere for so long, to wake up and find where we are now is a miracle!
- Hopeful, yet concerned.
- I see hope. Concrete support be given to the women in the synod, continue to connect with them.
- Hopeful, with some concern.
- T Radcliffe said if they formed friendships that was success.

- It is a cause for hope that the synod happened at all, and that it focused on listening to each other.
- Discuss even though the priest tries to shut you down!
- I am optimistic about the future of women of the church.
- Deb's excellent synthesis of the synthesis document gave me more hope than the more negative comments I've been reading and hearing.
- A suggestion for anyone looking for what they might do at local level: google www.spiritunbounded.org and buy a ticket to access the 100+ presentations on reform -it was call Human Rights in the Emerging Church. Forma a small group and view a session and then just talk about it. It is a way of getting people connected to this whole reform process.
- Beginning of inclusivity is so hopeful. At least the conversation has begun.
- Thank you for the report of the Synod. Your enthusiasm encourages me!
- Round tables!!! Face to face, listening, continuing reminder that the Spirit is in charge!!
- Use the Synodal method of listening and sharing going forward.
- We need a central calendar and central blog to coordinate our events and reflections. That is being worked on.
- Keep moving forward with teaching and learning the synodal process. The Spirit only moves forward.
- For our 2000 year old body that prides itself on rigidity and stability - having women delegates with voting rights - is revolutionary. Didn't go far enough - but its better than the days when you couldn't even talk about some topics.
- Eager to engage in next steps in the next 11 months.
- I am very excited and hopeful. I believe the method will help all listen to the other.
- Knowing the Holy Spirit will move in the hearts of those who are struggling to let go of hurtful "Tradition" and being able to pray for that to happen in a loving (and quick) way.
- How to move ahead here in the face of acute clericalism is a huge challenge.

- The biggest accomplishment of the completed synod session may have been to teach the participants to become better listeners. Sounds simple but it isn't.
- Bishops are old and out of touch and isolated and so are the young seminarians
- Ambiguity
- Concern in region synod oppressed so reality of document will be squashed.
- For me it stirs hope. May we really trust and move forward with the Holy Spirit and be courageous as women.+
- My hope is that every diocese continues to dialogue and keep the momentum alive; to keep in mind that the emphasis is on the process more so than reaching consensus on issues, particularly those "hot button" ones!
- I found the beginning with each parish contributing created a new experience for our local church. I hope that the Synod process of talking and LISTENING together is incorporated into the structure of CHURCH.
- Intercontinental Conversations ... speaks to the moving of the Holy Spirit...
- Proves common global perspectives, with the advances in technology, bringing us together as the Body of Christ... of joy filled experiences of being heard and to have an opportunity to listen.
- The Synod process is a format in which adult humans with diverse perspectives SHOULD be able to have honest, truthful respectful conversations with some conclusion all can agree to take away and remember.
- Excited by the fact that the Synod was an EXPERIENCE rather than a mission to write. A paper. Women are doing the Church. And ministries. Still need recognition. Want to be in formation programs for laity and clergy.
- I arrived with little in terms of expectations. I was lifted up by the hope and joy of members in my group
- Our group had four people, two of whom didn't speak. However, we did review joy, hope, disappointment. One member has developed a "cheat sheet" of Synodal issues which she's distributed to friends. Hope she can share it with us.
- The model of being a listening community and respectful community. I would like more sessions to practice synodality... have people come together to share what they're doing.

- You are all the Synod for me. Each of you are seeds, planted and growing!
- I loved the Continental Report, and wish this had been shared more in our parishes before the synod in Rome
- Made synod buttons to wear as conversation starter
- Our group: joy at real progress (women participation, lay votes) but frustration at hesitant Report, reflecting the entrenched hierarchy. Feeling that issues are kicked again down the road, calls for unnecessary further study. Formation is key. Progress will be from local small Christian communities. Unsure that the Church pyramid is truly being inverted. We need to push those buttons harder!
- Is there any way to get a list of those who participated so we can communicate with them, their diocese, or locations?
- We discussed the importance of the process and how we could better get our parish involved. An idea was to get the families involved. Another was go to the various existing church groups.. Start with listening to what they feel is important. Then see if we could introduce how the synod process could help us all go forward.
- Very Hopeful: inclusivity of women and laity; participation of both groups in liturgies and pastoral movements. The methodology of the Synod. Good for all group participations... Listen, reflect, silence, share resonances. Instead of debating. So much. The fact that it happened!!!
- As an Adrian Dominican Associate, it was a validation of what we are doing with our Chapter enactments. Our liturgist, our presider and our homilists (women) as has moved so much of this forward.
- I'm very encouraged by the Synod and Conversation in the Spirit. I'm hoping that it may have been a conversion experience for bishops who are anti synod. The swift inclusion of women as voting delegates is wonderful. Thomas Reese's recent article on the gems of the synod is well worth considering. James Martin has modelled for us a wonderful spirituality of synod.
- In my conservative diocese and conservative diocese we had a meeting (after going to a holy hour) the attendees at the 6-8 tables reported out the same areas to focus on— increased role of women, decrease clericalism, more roles for laity, etc. It was very encouraging to me to really hear that my fellow parishioners had similar thoughts even in a conservative local church (with many gray hairs)!

- I found the comments from Massimo Faggioli to be positive and hopeful. He saw the synod content activities to be more important than what was included just in the final document, leaving out important things.
- I was thrilled to see women having a vote and voice. I've followed their lead here locally with a local issue. I think we as women need to claim our baptismal priesthood, to preach , and sanctify with our lives... I am also encouraged that there is a directive to look at the theological and ecclesial dimensions of women diaconate as that presentation might be the first time they ever have heard of such a thing. We find the new/younger priests are not taught such scriptural /historical realities.
- I'm concerned that the meeting of the Bishops will be led by those NOT supportive of the Synod or the whole process
- Better pay would be great.... a miracle perhaps
- Appreciate the summary and pointing out some more of the women who made a difference there My priority is to start with the training of the priests and the overseeing of the bishops. Looking for more joy or hope.
- That comment by bishop Broglio is tragic - but not surprising given his other views
- And he is allied with Napa Institute leadership
- It's my fond hope that during this next year, those who are charged with continuing synodal assignments, are moved by the Holy Spirit. Actually, I'm trusting all Catholics are inspired by the Holy Spirit to keep the Church the Body of Christ as intended.
- Priest in local parish said synod was work of devil
- We need formation in synodality and hope that future church will promote this formation.
- Hopefully the pope lives long enough to appoint bishops who are progressive....enough to choose someone who thinks like the pope'. let's pray for this
- So ironic that they complain women want to be deacons, priests, and Bishops for the power. They implicitly admit that they are clergy for the power. 😂
- What is most refreshing is that - all of you here, all of your connections, all of your vocations; is the Church. The structure, institution, brick and mortar, hierarchy...is important - but - it is NOT the church

- I loved the round table where all are equal
- I like the idea of a ministry of listening the way AA does it
- Yes, Agree Jane, this group is an example of synodal church!
- We have a great deal of Hope from this program tonight especially in relation to the work that Pope Francis has already been working on in relation to the role of women in the church.
- For one who sows seeds,
 it seems an eternity before there is a flowering plant.
 And who remembers who sowed the seed?
 None but the God
 who nurtures the plant and forms the bloom.
- Many thanks, Deb! Fantastic summary! Great overview! But reform comes from the grassroots, so Small Christian Communities is our focus.
- You, Future Church, are my resource for the Synod. Of course, National Catholic Reporter too. I'm so grateful to you both for all you do to spread Jesus' work of growing The Body of Christ.
- Rejoicing in all that has happened - so much development since 'Guests in their Own House'
- What an outstanding synthesis! Now at last I feel a part of the beautiful church.
- Marvelous ending/beginning!
- Wonder filled video of diversity and hope
- No priest - the church lives - no women; no church