



Vatican II Working Group Conversations: Church in the Modern World/Synodality

Why Do This?

- Synodality implements the teachings of Vatican II and restores the Church's earliest apostolic form of governance.
- Synodality merges the voices of all the *People of God* (clergy, lay, and religious) to animate the *Church in the Modern World*.
- The Synod under way this October will continue in the months ahead, culminating in a gathering October 2024 in Rome—ongoing consultation with all the Faithful is expected.
- “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the church of the third millennium.” – *Pope Francis, October 2015*

Participation Is the Path ...

Excerpts from the working documents of the Synod on Synodality

Synodal listening is oriented towards discernment.

We listen to each other, to our faith tradition, and to the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us.

If listening is the method of the Synodal Process, and discerning is the aim, then participation is the path.

The heart of the synodal experience is **listening to God through listening to one another**, inspired by the Word of God. We listen to each other in order to better hear the voice of Holy Spirit speaking in our world today.

We are making space for this listening and discernment. Please join us and invite your friends, both lay and religious, to join you. – *V2 Working Group*