



Each parish in the Diocese of Trenton will be participating in the Synod Process through meetings and conversations in January, February and March. In preparation for this important event the Diocese has prepared brief reflections leading up to the parish-based meetings. Please read these reflections and enter into the process. We will be announcing the times, places and formats of the meetings. You are also encouraged to prayerfully consider participating in the meetings. This is an important opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas through participation. You are important to the process. Please contact the Rectory (609) 882-3277 if you would like to participate and/or plan the parish process.

Many Blessings, Fr. Ariel

Journeying Together through the Synod

Hopefully, you have been thinking about your own experience of journeying with the Church. We can learn so much when we reflect on our own story of faith and listen to the story of others. These conversations can be a time of grace! And we believe the Lord Jesus who promised, *“For where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”* *Matthew 18:20*

The Synod is not an invitation to debate Church teaching. The Synod is not a time or place to create conflict or chastise the “other.” Pope Francis calls us to step away from the caustic battles of 21st century conversations; and instead to share part of our own story, listen with care to one another, and build understanding and insight.

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Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

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