



## **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission – The launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process.**

This month, Pope Francis opens a two-year Synodal Journey with three phases (diocesan, continental, universal) of consultations and discernment, culminating with an assembly in October 2023 in Rome. The overall theme is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission”. Pope Francis will start the Journey in Rome on 10th October.

The Synodal journey is concerned with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time. This journey is an opportunity to listen to each other and the Holy Spirit and to reflect on our future path. We want everyone to have an opportunity to express their views. Resources will be provided by the Diocese to parishes, schools and groups to support this listening and discernment process.

Our local listening phase will take place over the coming months, starting with a Liturgy led by Bishop Mark at the Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 17th October. All are welcome to attend in person, but the Liturgy will be live streamed and available to access on the Diocesan You Tube Channel.

Everyone is also warmly invited to attend one of our initial introductory online events to explain the Synodal journey in more detail and how we plan to go forward in our Diocese. There are two options:

Wednesday 20th October from 7-8.30 pm [[register here](#)]

**OR**

Saturday 23 October from 10.30-12.00 noon [[register here](#)].

You can also register via email to [synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk)

These sessions will not be recorded but the presentation will be available on our Diocesan Website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/synod/>