



Local Synod Process:

In this first phase, each diocese around the world will convene a local Synod. Here, in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Bishop Gerald Barbarito has invited all of us to embark on this journey of listening, embracing the diversity and complexity of our diocesan community. To include as many people as possible, there are different ways to participate:

- Regional gatherings (details will be forthcoming)
- Parish gatherings (if available)
- Formal ministry group
- Informal group of interested friends

These sessions can take place either in-person or virtually using platforms such as Zoom or Go-To-Meeting.

For parish level meetings, anyone interested should check with their own parish about details and how to participate. Details about the regional meetings will be posted on the website at www.diocesepb.org/Synod. Remember, any group can gather and facilitate their own Synod meeting to reflect on the Scripture passage and discuss the questions.

Details on how to organize and facilitate a Listening Session can be found below.

Individuals who cannot attend an in-person or virtual group session may participate by going online to www.diocesepb.org/Synod to read and reflect on our local synod foundational Scripture passage and then responding to the questions posted.

In the spirit of the Synod, all are invited to participate in whatever way you feel called by the Holy Spirit.

Regardless of how you participate, the listening/sharing process should take place in a spiritual setting that supports both openness in sharing as well as listening. Our local Synodal Process will be rooted in meditation on Scripture, specifically the story about the resurrected Jesus meeting the two disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35.