



Welcome & Agenda



Purpose:

The purpose of the meeting is to update you on how the “Irish Synodal Pathway” and the Universal Synod is progressing. Provide information on where we are currently ‘on the road’. Identify priorities for action emerging at local level

Outcome:

- At the end of today it is hoped that attendees will be familiar with the progress of the Synodal Pathway and the Universal Synod.
- Delegates will have identified particular, concrete actions for local level.

“Teacher, don’t you care
if we drown?”

Mk4:38

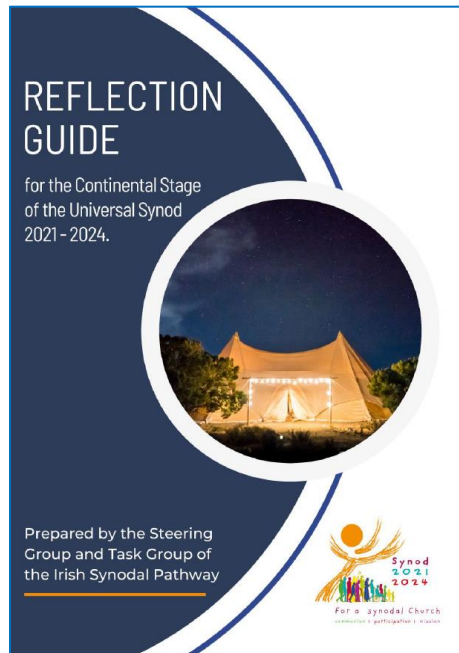




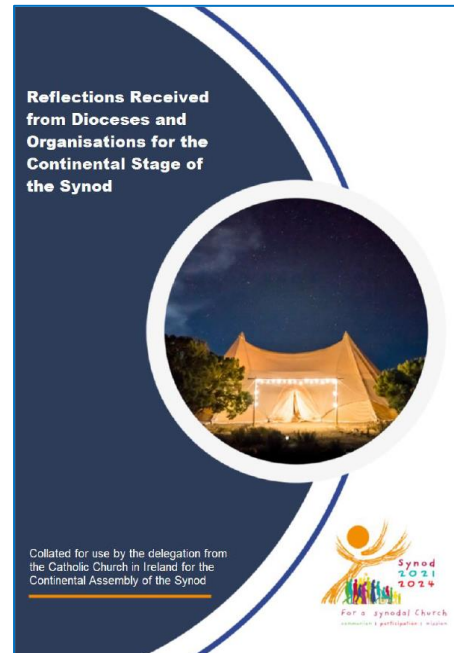
Universal Synod in Prague

- Feedback on what we received.
- What we brought to the gathering in Prague.

What Happened to your Reflections on the Continental Document?



You reflected on the DCS in November and sent them to synod.ie in December.



These were collated and shared with the delegates for the Assembly in Prague (both online and in-person) along with the National Synthesis and DCS.



Assembly delegates at end of January and using the Spiritual Conversation Method that has been used throughout the process in Ireland, the main resonances, challenges and calls to action emerged.



The main themes to emerge from Prague included



- the affirmation of the synodal process but the need for faith formation to deepen the practice, theology and hermeneutics of synodality
- the unity in our diversity as the Catholic Church in Europe with all the treasures of the two great Latin and Eastern traditions
- the need to concretely implement the equality in dignity of all the members of the Church founded in baptism
- the need to take concrete and courageous decisions on the role of women within the Church, their greater involvement at all levels including decision-making and decision-taking processes
- the pain of the wounds that the Church has inflicted through the abuses perpetrated by people who were performing an ecclesial ministry or office
- the need to address the question of an all ministerial Church, reflecting on charisms and ministries (ordained and non-ordained) and the relationships between them
- the need to consider the tensions around the liturgy so as to synodally re-understand Eucharist as the source of communion
- the need to walk with people rather than talk about them or to them
- the need to listen to the cry of the poor and the earth, and in particular, the desperate cry of the victims of war who demand a just peace

Two Documents from Prague



- The Final Remarks from the Continental Assembly can be read here:
<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2023/02/13/final-remarks-of-the-european-continental-synod-assembly/>
- The Commitment of the Bishops at the Continental Assembly in Prague can be read here:
<https://prague.synod2023.org/en/2023/02/12/continental-assembly-of-the-synod-the-commitment-of-the-bishops/>

Two threads in Dublin in 2020 -2022

One Way Ahead



Synodal Parish Gatherings 2022

Connected directly to
Sharing our experience of Church

Building Hope 2021/22

Connected directly to
Challenges to address

Priorities and call to action



- Keeping in mind the circular reading of the three reports
- Exploring what can be pastorally actioned at parish level
- Aware that we are already in the pastoral phase of Building Hope

PARISH TASK



- In light of Building Hope and our Synodal pathway, what priorities in parish are emerging for us?
- What realistic pastoral actions can we name?

Priorities and Calls to Action
Received from Dioceses and
Organisations During the
Continental Stage of the
Synod



provided to delegates and
representatives following meeting
with the Task Group - March 2023



Priorities and Calls to Action (which may assist you with Step 2)

Local Context (some of the themes)

- Abuse Crisis
- Co-responsible and Synodal Governance and Leadership
- Creation of Spaces for Authentic Dialogue
- Family
- Formation in Faith and Synodal Practice
- Improved Formation for Clergy - both initial and ongoing
- Language
- Lay Ministries
- Liturgy and Synodal Styles of Celebrating
- Other Marginalized Groups
- Scripture/The Word of God
- Sense of Belonging
- Synod and Synodality
- Women
- Youth

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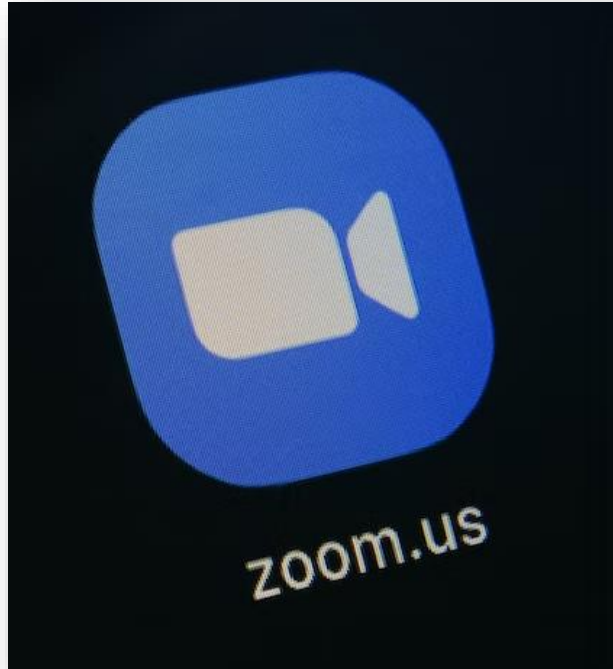
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National Context (some of the themes)

- Abuse
- Clergy
- Communications
- Co-responsible and Synodal Governance and Leadership
- Ecumenism
- Evangelisation/Catechesis/Adult Faith Formation
- Formation in Faith and Synodal Practice
- Full inclusion of LGBTQI+ people
- Lay involvement and new ministries in the Church
- Liturgy
- Mission
- Missionary Outreach
- Sense of Belonging
- Social Justice
- Strategy – national plan
- Synod and Synodality
- Women
- Youth

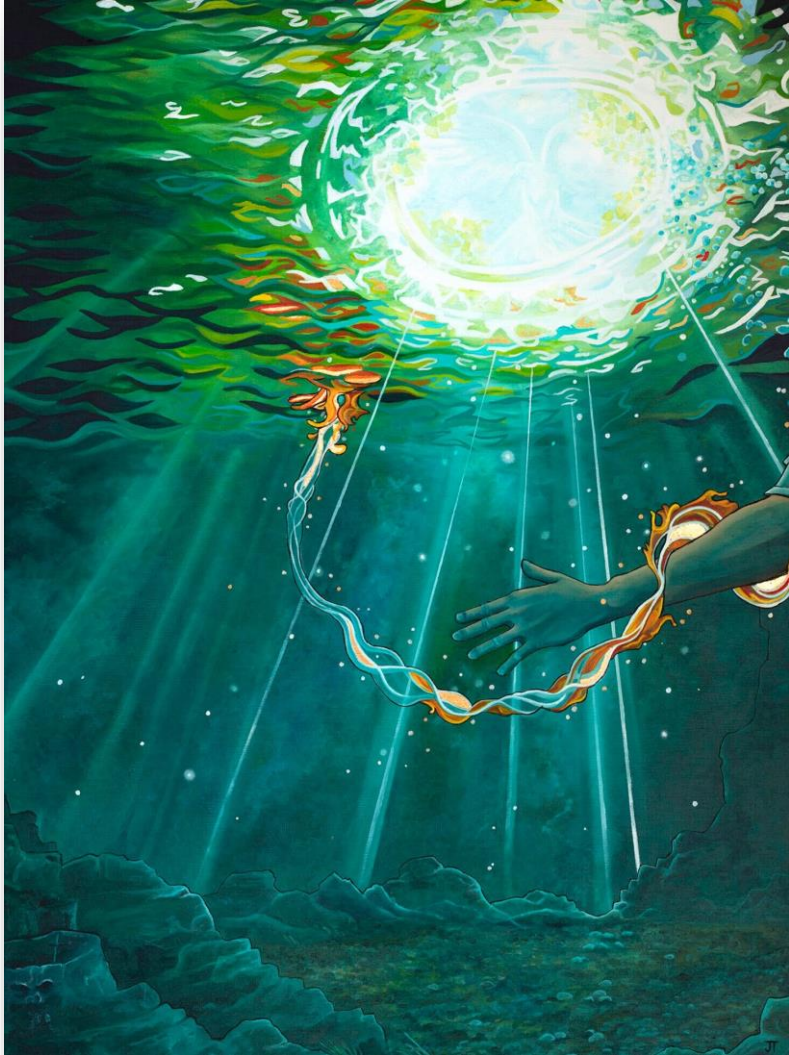


Break Out Groups 15 minutes

What struck you and is there a specific action you can do locally?



Open Forum



Updates

- Emails from the National Synodal Pathway Office
- Leadership Training – Focus groups and questionnaire
- Synodal Sundays
- 31st May



Questions and Answers

“Take heart, it is I; do not
be afraid”

Mt: 14:27

