



For a Synodal Church: Communion / Participation / Mission

Diocesan Synodal Timeline

October 2021 – November 15, 2021

- Review/study documents and materials for the process
- Appoint Synod Diocesan Delegates: *Bernard Grizard and Dr. Shannon Kilbridge*
- Diocesan Opening Mass with Bishop Matano on October 10, 2021 at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Launch diocesan Synod webpage and Bishop Matano's introduction video: www.dor.org/synod
- Meet with Deans and Presbyteral Council
- Orientation for Facilitators Team

Mid November 2021 – March 31, 2022

- Synodal gatherings occur throughout the Diocese of Rochester
- Invite parishes to continue praying for the Synod using available prayer resources
- Ongoing updates and resources posted on DOR Synod webpage and social media regarding progress
- Upon completion of gatherings the facilitators submit the input generated at the gatherings online by March 31, 2022

April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

- Gather and compile the submitted Diocesan input
- Prepare Diocesan Synthesis Report
- DOR sends Diocesan Synthesis report to the USCCB by June 30, 2022
- More to come for period of "waiting" before the Synod of Bishops in October 2023
- *CONTINUE PRAYING.....*

Moving Forward

September 2022 – March 2023

- **CONTINENTAL PHASE:** USCCB gathers all reports from across the country to create a synthesis to send to the Vatican

March 2023 – October 2023

- Vatican gathers all the reports from bishop conferences around the world to create a working document for the Synod of Bishops in Rome

October 2023

- **UNIVERSAL PHASE:** The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops from around the world in Rome

