



Diocesan Preparation for the Universal Synod

19th September 2021

Dromantine Retreat Centre

The Synodal Journey 2021 – 2026



Communion



Participation

Mission



Diocesan Preparation for the Launch of the Universal Synod and The Period of Consultation 19/09/21 – 31/03/22

Sep/Oct 2021	Formulate The Questions to be Asked
October 11 th 2021	Armagh Diocesan Core Group Meeting
October 17 th	Diocesan Launch of Universal Synod
October 21 – Feb 22	Listening – To Who? How?
Feb – March 22	Collating Information for the Irish Bishop's Conference



Questions

- 1. How do prayer and liturgy inspire and guide us in our everyday life and in our mission as a parish community?*
- 2. What hinders all the baptised from being active in the mission of the Church?*
- 3. In our parish community and Church who are we walking with and who seems further apart from us?*
- 4. How is authority or governance exercised within our parish community and Church i.e. how does the parish community and Church identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them and the steps to be taken?*
- 5. How do we promote participation in decision making within hierarchical structures? Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God?*



Questions

6. *How is God speaking to us through the voices we sometimes Ignore? How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? What facilitates or inhibits our listening?*
7. *How are differences of vision for the Church, or conflicts and difficulties within the parish community and Church addressed?*
8. *To what extent is there room within our parish community and Church for people to dialogue about diverse issues regarding life and faith?*
9. *What relationships do our parish communities have with members of other Christian denominations and other faith communities?*
10. *What particular issues in the parish community, Church, and society do we need to pay more attention to? What is the Holy Spirit asking of us now?*



Diocesan Launch 17th October 2021

- Mass in St. Patricks Cathedral Armagh 11am & St. Colman's Newry at ?
- Involvement of Core Group – Readings. Prayers of the Faithful, Reflection (all provided)
- Homily Notes, Prayers of the Faithful and Reflection sent out to all Parishes in advance.