

Script of the Announcement on the Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis has convoked the whole Church to embark on a two-year journey of *encountering, listening* and *discerning* whether we, the Christian community, embody Jesus' walking with us, which is both a gift and a task.

The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2023 on the themes of Communion, Participation and Mission has begun with the *listening* phase of the synodal process in all local Churches from October 2021 to April 2022.

Bishop William McGrattan calls on all faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese of Calgary to join him in this important journey of local gatherings in parishes, committees and ministry groups, lay associations, religious communities, Catholic schools and online participation. Summoned by the Lord Jesus and rooted in the Holy Spirit, together we will listen to answer this fundamental question:

- How is this "journeying together" happening today in our local Church?
- What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

More information on the synodal process will be provided in the coming weeks.

We mark the opening of the Diocesan phase of the Synod at all the Masses this weekend.