



Diocese of Charlotte - Questions for Synodal Conversations

To help all the faithful participate in the synodal process Pope Francis called the whole Church to, the Diocese of Charlotte is helping all parishes and groups organize synodal conversations among their members.

As a diocese, we are considering together the following three questions:

What are the most significant signs of the Lord's presence in your life?

To help you meditate on and answer this question, you might think about the following prompts. The goal is not to answer each and every one of the questions listed.

- Who are the people who help you deepen your relationship with the Lord the most?
- What practices help you grow in the faith the most?
- How do you feel most nourished in your faith?
- How do you pray? How do you discern what the Lord is calling you to do in both small and big things?
- What in your life gives you peace and joy?
- How do you try to live out the Gospel in your family, community, workplace, and all other facets of your life?
- How do your community and the Church at large help you live out your Christian vocation?
- How do you try to live out the unity with the Lord and with your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- How do you and your community try to participate in the Church's mission to evangelize all people and be a light to the world?

The list of questions above is an aid to think about the most significant signs of the Lord's presence in your life.

What are the biggest challenges or questions you face in responding to the Lord's call?

To help you meditate on and answer this question, you might think about the following prompts. The goal is not to answer each and every one of the questions listed.

- What are the biggest challenges you face in your life of faith?
- What are the most pressing questions you have regarding your life of faith and the life of the Church?
- What are the main challenges you and your community face in living out the Gospel in your families, neighborhoods, parishes, workplaces, and all other facets of your life?
- What are the main challenges you and your community face in living out the unity with one another the Lord calls us to?
- What are the main challenges you and your community face in responding to the Lord's call to be missionary disciples?

The list of questions above is an aid to think about the biggest challenges or questions you face in responding to the Lord's call.

What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to you and your community to respond more fully to the Christian vocation?

To help us meditate on and answer this question, we should think about the following:

- What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to you and your community to draw closer to God?
- What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to you and your community to better live out the Gospel?
- What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to you and your community to respond more readily to the circumstances the Lord is giving us to live?
- What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to you and your community to better live out the unity with one another the Lord calls us to?
- What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to you and your community to better live out the Lord's call to be missionary disciples?
- What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to you and your community to grow in participation in the life of the Church?
- What steps is the Holy Spirit suggesting to grow awareness of and participation in our Christian vocation?

The list of questions above is an aid to think about the steps the Holy Spirit is suggesting to you and your community to respond more fully to the Christian vocation.

Because one of the synod's goals is to allow people to encounter one another and grow in faith and unity together, everyone is encouraged to participate in the synodal conversations that are happening in his or her community.

If participation in such gatherings is not possible, though, people may submit individual contributions to the synod via this online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCDOC-SynodIndividualSurvey>. All personal responses will be considered when the diocese writes a final report describing and reflecting on the diocesan synodal journey.

If you have questions, please contact the Diocesan Contact Person for the Synod, Dr. Alessandro Rovati, at synod@rcdoc.org.