



世界主教代表會議 體現共議性的教會



辨明你們教區的途徑

思路建議

這次的主教會議對所有教區都是一份邀請：藉著天主聖神恩寵的啟發，去踏上一條全然更新的途徑。一如《準備文件》所言，這次的世界主教代表會議所思考的主要問題是：我們「同道偕行」的共議精神，在今天是如何體現於教會中的呢？為使我們在「同道偕行」中成長，聖神呼籲我們採取怎樣的行動呢？

在此問題上，需要整個天主子民信仰的超性意識。正因為每個教區都有獨特的背景，對於信仰的超性意識的果實，他們尋找、推動、收穫的途徑也都是獨特的。總體上，這次主教會議的指引提醒了我們：

- 為了聆聽整個天主子民生活的聲音，目標就是確保參與的人數擴展至最大程度。
- 除非我們積極地走向人群所在，尤其是被排擠的、沒有融入在教會生活中的那些人，否則不可能達到目標。
- 對於貧窮、邊緣、弱小，以及被排擠的人，我們必須清楚地聚焦在他們的參與上，好能聆聽他們的聲音與經驗。
- 對所有人來說，共議歷程必須要簡單、方便且開放。

籌劃這樣的歷程，就已經開始有了共議性的轉變！以下是一些思路上的建議，可以用來為你們的教區辨明途徑。教區負責人和共

議小組可以跟主教一起討論：

1. 在以一種祈禱與反思的方式閱讀完《準備文件》跟《手冊》之後，有哪些地方最是深深地觸動了我們？為什麼呢？
2. 在我們的教區中，有哪些人是我們覺得特別需要去接觸的？
3. 有哪些方法可以有效的接觸到他們？我們可以跟誰合作？
4. 共議精神的品質如何，或者人們的準備與技巧如何？如果近期有相關進程的話，內容是什麼呢？
5. 在我們的教區中，有哪些現有的結構組織可以增進參與度？這些結構組織需要怎麼改進，好能在同道偕行中發揮更大的作用？
6. 有哪些新鮮或有創意的結構和進程是我們可以嘗試的？
7. 在本地的脈絡中，有哪些重大因素會影響到我們的共議進程？（例如：疫情的嚴峻、政治對立、自然災害、地方最近的共議進程等等）
8. 在這次世界主教代表會議的問題當中，有哪些方面是我們應該注意的（如果有的話）？為什麼呢？聖神正在邀請我們的教區去經歷的共議性轉變有哪些方面？

在地方、全國或大洲的層面上，有些教區已經投入在共議性的進程當中了。近幾個月就包括了拉丁美洲及加勒比海天主教大會、澳洲天主教全體大會，以及德國和愛爾蘭的共議歷程。亞洲主教團也正在慶祝 50 周年紀念。一些個別的教區應該也在進行教區的牧靈計畫或是一些周年的慶祝。

對於這些現有的慶祝與共議性的進程，2021~2023 年的世界主教代表會議要做的並不是取代，而是補充。畢竟不論是在地方、地區或是普世的層面，領導並轉變教會的，都是同一的天主聖神。因此 2021~2023 年共議性的進程中的教區階段正是個機會，更深地去聆聽聖神的聲音，增加參與度和觸及範圍，增進對話品質，辨明更進一步的議題，鞏固態度上和技巧上的轉變，並在地方、

地區以及普世教會之間活化人們的連結感。對於正在進行牧靈計畫、世界主教代表會議的教區階段，或正在其他類似的諮詢進程中的教區，以下是一些對辨明的過程有幫助的反思：

- 參與的規模如何？
- 經驗到了什麼恩寵和果實？
- 哪裡可以改進？缺少了什麼？
- 在最近一次的進程中，有產生出哪些決定、提案、建議或重點是得益於人們更深的反思、對話、解釋與接納的？
- 關於共融、參與及使命這個主題，有哪些新的問題或更深的議題是特別需要去思考的？
- 有哪些新的對話方式和共同辨明的方式是人們可以去學習，並且更進一步去付諸實踐的？
- 特別在基層和社會邊緣中，還有哪些人群是可以去接觸的？
- 在我們最近的進程中，我們所聽見的天主聖神的呼召之下，2021~2023 年世界主教代表會議的教區階段還可以有哪些方式能成為一個繼續前進的良機？

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Discerning the path for your diocese

Suggested points to consider

The Synod is an invitation for every diocese to embark on a path of profound renewal as inspired by the grace of God's Spirit. As stated in the Preparatory Document, the Synod considers a main question: How is our “walking together” in synodality realized today in the Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “walking together”?

The *sensus fidei* of the whole People of God is sought on this question. Since each diocese has a unique context, its path for seeking, promoting, and reaping the fruits of this *sensus fidei* will be unique. Overall, the Synod guidelines remind us that:

- The goal is to ensure the participation of ***the greatest number possible***, in order to listen to ***the living voice of the entire People of God***.
- This is not possible unless we make special efforts to ***actively reach out to people where they're at***, especially those who are often excluded or who are not involved in the life of the Church.
- There must be a clear focus on the participation of the ***poor, marginalized, vulnerable, and excluded***, in order to listen to their voices and experiences.
- The Synodal Process must be ***simple, accessible, and welcoming*** for all.

Planning for such a process is already the beginning of synodal conversion! Below are some suggested points you can use in discerning the path for your diocese. The Diocesan Contact Person(s) and Synodal Team together with the Bishop could discuss them together:

1. After reading the *Preparatory Document* and *Vademecum* in a prayerful and reflective way, which points move or stir us most deeply? Why?
2. Who are the groups of people in our diocese to whom we feel the need to make a special effort to reach?
3. What are some effective ways to reach them? Who can we partner with?
4. What is the level of experience in synodality or the readiness and skills of people? What are the relevant processes in the recent past, if any?
5. What existing structures are available in our diocese to facilitate participation? What improvements might be needed in these structures to make them more effective for synodality?
6. What might be some new or creative structures and processes that we can try?
7. What are the significant factors in our local context that will affect our Synodal Process? (e.g. Severe pandemic situation, political conflict, natural disaster, recent local synodal processes, etc.)
8. Which aspects of the Synod question should we focus on, if any? Why? What might be some aspects of synodal conversion which the Holy Spirit is inviting the diocese to undergo?

Some dioceses are already engaged in synodal processes either at the local, national, or continental level. In recent months, these include the Bishops' Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Plenary Council in Australia, and the synodal journeys in Germany and Ireland. The Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences is also in the midst of celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Certain individual dioceses might also be undergoing diocesan pastoral planning or commemorating special anniversaries.

The Synod 2021-2023 is not meant to supplant but to complement these existing celebrations and synodal processes. After all, it is the same Spirit of God leading and transforming the Church, whether at the local, regional, or global level. The Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process 2021-2023 is thus an opportunity to listen more deeply to the voice of the Spirit, enhance participation and outreach, improve the quality of dialogue, discern about further issues, strengthen conversion in attitudes and skills, and animate people's sense of connection between the local, regional, and global church. The following are some reflection questions that can aid discernment of the process for dioceses that have been undergoing pastoral planning, diocesan synods, or other similar consultation processes:

- What was the extent of participation?
- What graces and fruits were experienced?
- What can be improved? What were the gaps?
- What decisions, proposals, suggestions or key points emerging from the recent process would benefit from further reflection, dialogue, elaboration and reception among people?
- What new questions or further issues need to be reflected upon especially with regard to the theme of communion, participation, and mission?
- What new ways of dialogue and communal discernment can people learn and put into further practice?
- What other groups of people can be reached out to, especially at the grassroots and peripheries?
- In what other ways might the Diocesan Phase of the Synod 2021-2023 be a good opportunity to progress in the calls we heard from God's Spirit in our recent process?