

Synod 2021 2023

DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue between all members of the Church which began in October. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium."

18 FEBRUARY 2022 - 6 - 8 PM

East Central Deanery
St. Peter Chanel Gym, Paulina



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COMMUNION

"He put all thing in subjection under His feet and made Him head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." -Ephesians 1:22-23

The Church is "Catholic" because she is sent to all to gather the entire human family from every nation and culture in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. In what ways has the local Church of Baton Rouge and/or your parish been successful in bringing people together in communion?
- 2. How can our local Church build up communion effectively and authentically in the coming months and years? Give a concrete example.
- 3. Does our local Church relate to members who have drifted away? How can we improve as a local Church in how we invite others back into full communion?

PARTICIPATION

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." -Hebrews 10:24

All the faithful possess gifts and talents to serve each other through the gifts that have been received from the Holy Spirit.

- 1. How has the local Church of Baton Rouge and/or your parish been successful in inviting others to participate in the rich ministerial life of the Church?
- 2. Which groups and individuals are least included in our diocese and/or your parish? How can the Church invite them to share their gifts and talents?
- 3. How can the Church of Baton Rouge better enable full participation and coresponsibility in the life of the Church in parish and diocesan levels?

MISSION

"As you sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." -John 17:18

The Church is on a pilgrimage through history towards communion with God. All the baptized are honored with the dignity of God and are appointed to the same mission – to proclaim the Good News and build up the Kingdom of God.

- 1. From a missionary perspective, how would you characterize the situation and needs in your parish and community?
- 2. Does the Church of Baton Rouge, through catechesis, formation, and liturgy, aid in the formation of the people of God as missionary disciples?
- 3. Where is the Holy Spirit calling the Church to mission and service today?