

# Holy Father Asks Us All to Share Ideas In Survey, Town Hall Listening Sessions

*Diocese of Greensburg announces "Synod" participation opportunities*

The Diocese of Greensburg is undertaking a massive effort to listen to a broad range of people throughout our faith community and discuss major issues together with a goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the Church. These efforts include a pastoral connectivity survey and a series of both in-person and virtual town hall meetings at which Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be present.

## What is a synod?

A synod is a gathering of church leaders, both clergy and laity. In April 2021, Pope Francis initiated a synodal journey of the whole People of God, to take place in individual Dioceses in 2022 and culminating in October 2023 in the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

The USCCB says this "Synod on Synodality" is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, to warm hearts, and to restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

## How you can participate:

### 1. Take the Pastoral Connectivity Survey.

This short survey is open to everyone and can be taken online at

[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod) (click on "Take Pastoral Connectivity Survey").

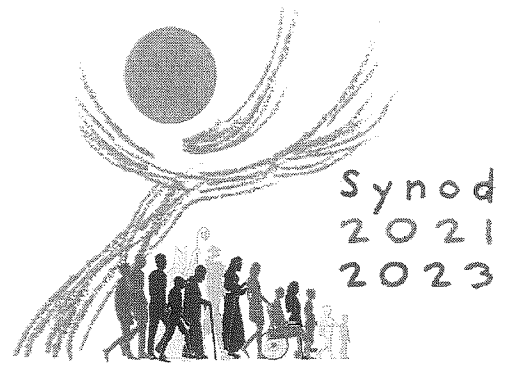
Or, take the paper survey included in your parish bulletin on "Survey Saturday/Survey Sunday, January 22-23. The paper survey will also be available in the January 20 issue of *The Catholic Accent*. Please mail your response to: Office of Communications, 725 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601.

### 2. Attend an in-person Town Hall Listening Session.

For a complete listing, check your bulletin or log on to [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod) for more information.

### 3. Participate in a Zoom Town Hall Listening Session.

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# A Synod on Synodality: Your Input is Needed!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking that we assemble in a “synod” by sharing our thoughts on the pastoral connectivity of our Church.

*All parishioners are invited to participate in town hall meetings, including our young people! Youth ministry leaders will be present to facilitate small group sessions.*

## Town Hall Meetings

**Wednesday, February 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

St. James Parish  
306 St. James Lane  
New Alexandria, PA 15670

**Thursday, February 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish  
200 Clairvaux Drive  
Indiana, PA 15701

**Tuesday, February 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

St. Rita Parish  
116 South Second Street  
Connellsville, PA 15425

**Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.**

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish  
101 West High Street  
Kittanning, PA 16201

**Wednesday, February 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

Our Lady of Grace Parish  
1011 Mt. Pleasant Road  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
Albanese Hall

*Interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing*

**Thursday, February 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

St. Margaret Mary Parish  
3055 Leechburg Road  
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

**Tuesday, February 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

St. Joseph Parish  
180 Old Walnut Hill Road  
Uniontown, PA 15401

## Zoom Town Halls

**Wednesday, February 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.**

Zoom Town Hall for Young Adults ages 18-30  
Register for Zoom Link at  
[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall)

**Sunday, February 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Zoom Town Hall for Youth Under 18  
Register for Zoom Link at  
[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall)

**Monday, February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Zoom Town Hall for all parishioners  
Register for Zoom Link at  
[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall)