

Ideas to Support Discernment

Synod Members are invited to share these summary proposals in whatever way you are able with your local communities between now and early December.

We understand that physically meeting remains difficult at present but here are a few suggestions that may help you listen as widely as possible. You will also have ideas of your own that will be effective in your context.

- If parish groups are meeting invite them to look at the four sets of proposals whilst you listen.
- Distribute the proposals with your parish newsletter or via the parish website or social media inviting people to send in written responses by email or leaving them in a box in church.
- Hold online meetings using Zoom or another video conferencing platform.
- Make use of free online survey platforms to collect feedback. [Survey Monkey, Google Forms etc.]
- Share the proposals when people are gathered for Mass and invite them to tick the proposals and affirmations they are most drawn to.
- Ask your local Catholic schools to have their say.



In holding these gatherings and listening to these responses please remember:

- The proposals can be downloaded from the Synod website for sharing on parish websites, social media, and by email.
- Ensure you are COVID-secure when distributing or collecting-in paper.
- You do not have to do everything on your own, work with other local Synod Members to share the work.
- Use the Synod Prayer Book if you need reflections and prayer for your gatherings.
- Ask the Synod Office if you have any questions (0151 486 1206 / synod2020@rcaol.org.uk).



Prayerfully receive all the responses and use them to discern your thoughts in preparation for the work you are going to do from 7 December.