

# WELCOME



## Training for Parish Animators for the Synodal Pathway

# SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
In the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen





# OUTLINE of EVENING

- Speakers for this evening from the Synodal Committee
- “We are all in the same boat” – Synod Logo
- What is this evening all about?
  - Synods and Synodal Pathway
  - Information and Resources
  - “Simply Synod”
  - Videos
- Animator role
- Suggested Outline for a Parish Gathering



# DIOCESAN, UNIVERSAL and NATIONAL PHASES

# INFORMATION and RESOURCES

All information is available on the Dublin Diocesan website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/simply-synod-resource/>

- Go to the Synod Resources
- Main document is “Simply Synod”
- Supporting short Videos also available



# THE ROLE OF THE ANIMATOR

- To organise together with the PPC a local gathering where people can share in an environment of prayer and acceptance
  - To enable participants to listen well to each other
  - To support a prayerful process of discernment in the parish
  - To ensure that anyone who wants to take part is included
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- Organising at least two gatherings in February – March
  - To assist with the collation of the feedback with a template
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- We will provide all the resources and support needed!!



# BREAK OUT ROOMS

- What has excited you about what you have heard so far?
- What questions are arising?

This is a good opportunity to listen well to each other!

TIME: 15mins



# CHAT FUNCTION

Insights/Comments/Questions  
FIVE MINUTES





# BREAK OUT ROOMS

- What do you like about what you have heard?
- What are you most comfortable with? What are you less comfortable with?
- What do you need to do now?
- What can we help you with?

Again, remember respectful listening and dialogue



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# Next Steps



Familiarise yourself with the Synod Resources – Simply Synod and Videos

Meet with your PPC/Parish Team to share the format for the Parish Gatherings

Identify who will be the organising group and who can be small group leaders

Set dates in the Parish Calendar

January Trainings 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> January 7 – 9pm

Format for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering, Input on Listening, how to invite, reach out and have the Gatherings