



HARVESTING THE FRUITS OF THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

APRIL 2022

INTRODUCTIONS

- **Your team for tonight**
- **From the Synodal Committee**
- **Co-leaders Fr Kieran McDermott and Patricia Carroll**
- **Peter Siney**
- **Mary Kirk**
- **Kirsten Mahon**
- **With Archbishop Dermot Farrell**



Prayer

FROM THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

The fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.



Let us pray

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.

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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



Welcome

- The process to date
- Outline of the evening
 - Small group sharing on your experience of your parish gatherings
 - Initial soundings
 - Going deeper focusing on what is emerging from parish gatherings
 - Comfort break – noticing what is being said in group contributions
 - In reflective mode – What is the Holy Spirit saying
 - Feedback from small group
- Keeping in mind that this is a moment of Spiritual Conversation together



In small groups

- **What was the experience of the parish gatherings like for you?**



- **Please allow everyone to speak once before you speak twice!!**
- **15 Minutes**

Initial Soundings

- For five minutes we will take some comments from groups.....



Going Deeper

- Nominate someone to scribe and capture the points
- Focus question for this 15 minutes:

◦ **What is emerging from your gatherings?**





COMFORT BREAK

**Take time to reflect on the feedback from all the groups
by walking around the room and reading responses.**

**Quiet music will play
to hold the reflective quiet environment.**

What's the Spirit indicating

- A moment of silence
- Get in touch with what you are noticing
- Share what you feel the Holy Spirit is saying in this?



FEEDBACK FROM GROUPS

- The note taker from each group is invited to share the insights emerging
- We listen to understand



THANK YOU and NEXT STEPS

- Thank you for
- Sharing so well
- Trusting the process
- Being open to the Holy Spirit
- Animating your parish group and giving of your time and talent
- *We are now in the Collation stage*
- *16 Synod readers will read these taking a deanery overview*
- *Diocesan Report will be in final form by 29th May*
- *Sent to Irish Bishops Conference*
- *All moving towards 18th June synodal gathering of delegates to synthesise the National Report*
- *Goes to Rome for the 2023 Synod on Synodality*

FINAL PRAYER MOMENT

- Archbishop Dermot Farrell

