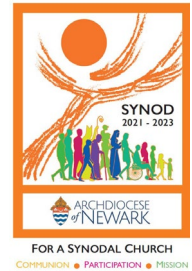


# Synod on Synodality Update

Office of the Chancellor

February 7, 2022



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## Walking Together on the Synodal Path

### Listening Sessions

Many parishes and other groups have begun their Listening Sessions. Just a reminder that on the webpage, <https://www.rcan.org/synod-listening-sessions>, you will find a new two hour and a three hour listening session outline that can be downloaded and duplicated, a power point to use at the session with Cardinal Tobin's message embedded, table scribe (reporter) notes and videos for facilitators and table scribes as well as how to run a Listening Session. There is also an excellent video on what a synod is that can be used with youth, young adults and adults.

Our Listening Sessions and Facilitator Guides in Polish, Portuguese, French, Korean, and some in Chinese are being widely used here and in different parts of the country as well as other countries. The webpage in Spanish has dynamic resources following the Encuentro model.

### Office for Black Catholics

Every Sunday during February celebrating Black History month, there are listening sessions planned in each county. Each venue will begin with Mass celebrated by the regional bishop followed by a listening Session. The schedule is:

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| • Bergen - St. Anastasia, Teaneck on February 6 at 3 pm  | Bishop Michael Saporito   |
| • Essex - St. Thomas, Bloomfield on February 13 at noon  | Bishop Manuel Cruz        |
| • Hudson - St. Aedan, Jersey City on February 20 at 1 pm | Bishop Gregory Studeris   |
| • Union - St. Joseph, Roselle on February 27, at noon    | Bishop Elias Lorenzo, OSB |

All are welcome!

### Youth and Young Adults

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry office, held an evening for youth ministers, pastors, deacons, and others with Bishop Michael Saporito as the main speaker. A short presentation on the synod by Fr. Bismarck Chau encouraged the youth and young adult leaders to continue their listening session across the archdiocese. Their resources can be found at <https://www.newarkoym.com/synod202123>. Members of our Archdiocesan offices were present to be a part of the evening and interact with all of the participants.

### Synod 2023 Accessible Synodality Planning

Our office of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities was featured on the Vatican Synod Newsletter. Congratulations to Anne Masters!

<https://www.rcan.org/www.rcan.org/disabilities/Accessible-Synodality-Planning>

***Thank you for all you are doing to be a part of the Synod on Synodality.***

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