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Synod Survey

*The point of the Synod is to discern the will of the **Holy Spirit**; it is a structured conversation among all the relevant ecclesial players – bishops, priests, and laity – for the sake of hearing the voice of the **Holy Spirit**.*

*Before responding to the survey questions, please
take a moment to meditate on this prayer:*

**Together,
listening
to the
Holy Spirit,
let us be led
by God.**

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.



The questions on the following pages are taken directly from the Synod Portal through the Diocese of Scranton. Please take your time to respond to these – the pages are printed front and back. On the very last page, we encourage you to provide some general demographic information. None of this information is identifiable and your responses will remain completely anonymous. Please return your completed survey in the attached envelope to the basket provided in the Church. Thank you – we are very excited to walk together on this journey.

Diocese of Scranton Survey for the 2023 Synod of Bishops

1. In the Church and in society, we are called to walk together, side-by-side, as we journey through life.

The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is inclusive, meaning every person has the ability to participate as equals?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any thoughts on groups or individuals who you feel the Catholic Church may be leaving on the margins.

2. Listening is one of the most powerful and deeply human experiences we can have. The act of listening respects and validates the voice that is being heard.

The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton listens to all people?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on those that the Catholic Church does/does not listen to.

Your responses are completely anonymous .

3. Catholics in the Diocese of Scranton are encouraged to speak up, be brave and boldly trust we are loved by God.

Catholics in the Diocese of Scranton are provided with the opportunity to speak candidly with their parish priest and our bishop?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on what enables or hinders people from speaking up about their hopes and concerns.

4. One of the foundations of the Catholic faith is the belief that God is alive in each and every human person. For Christians, we are baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit and are nourished by Christ in the Eucharist.

The celebration of the Mass inspires me toward a more joyful and holier life?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on how prayer and/or Masses do or do not inspire you.

Your responses are completely anonymous .

5. Every Catholic has a responsibility to participate actively in the mission of the Catholic Church, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is succeeding in the following areas of its mission?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Leading People to a Deeper Relationship with God				
Educating People of All Ages in the Faith				
Helping the Poor, Lonely and Vulnerable				
Welcoming Immigrants, Refugees and Other Newcomers				
Being Compassionate to those in Prison				
Ensuring Racial Equality				
Promoting Pro-Life Issues				
Protecting Human Rights				
Caring for the Environment				
Supporting Families				

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on where the mission of the Church is in need of greater focus.

Your responses are completely anonymous .

6. From Pope Saint Paul VI to Pope Francis, successive popes have actively called the People of God to be a Church in dialogue. Through dialogue, all of the Christian faithful shape the way the Church achieves her mission. Catholics in the Diocese of Scranton are provided with the opportunity to discuss, debate and dialogue about the future direction of the church?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on the places and opportunities that our church does or does not offer for constructive dialogue.

7. Christ calls all His disciples, united by Baptism, to work side-by-side with diverse groups and other faith communities.

It is a priority of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton to work with other faith communities in promoting the well-being of all?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on the way the Catholic Church could interact with other Christian denominations and/or individuals with no faith tradition.

Your responses are completely anonymous .

8. Through Baptism and Confirmation, the mission of the Catholic Church belongs to all the Christian faithful. Everyone is called to play an active role.

All Catholics, including young people, lay men and lay women, are challenged to use their gifts and talents in the life of the Church?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on how people are/are not invited to participate in the life of the Church.

9. The Christian faith is accessible to everyone. Because the mission of the Catholic Church belongs to the Church's members, every voice has a right to be heard.

In making important decisions, the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is transparent and accountable in its decision-making processes?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on the decision-making process that the church uses and how it can be improved.

Your responses are completely anonymous .

10. The Church's Tradition, received from the Apostles, carries the Christian faith through history. A synod is meant to identify the needs, challenges and opportunities of the present moment.

While respecting Tradition, the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is responsive to the needs, challenges and opportunities at the present moment?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion

We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on how the church listens and engages in dialogue.

Your responses are completely anonymous .

What is your gender?

Female

Male

What is your age?

Under 18

18-30

31-45

46-65

65-80

81 or older

Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose only one.)

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian / Pacific Islander

Black or African American

Hispanic

White / Caucasian

Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify) _____

In which County do you currently reside?

Bradford

Lackawanna

Luzerne

Lycoming

Monroe

Pike

Sullivan

Susquehanna

Tioga

Wayne

Wyoming

Do not currently reside in the Diocese of Scranton

If you currently belong to a parish in the Diocese of Scranton, please indicate which parish

Your responses are completely anonymous .

Please return in the envelope that it came in.