



SYNOD 2021-2023: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How is our Diocese responding to the call to answer the Synod questions?

We have divided the questions asked by Rome into three sections - or sessions - under the headings **Communion, Participation and Mission**. Each session has been devised to include opportunities for prayer, reflection, and scripture, and can be worked on as part of a group or individually.

2. Where should I send individual or group responses to the Synod question?

Feedback from your group or parish is valuable and should be entered on the Diocese's online Synod Form which can be found on our website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod

The online form will be available throughout December and January. Individuals and group leaders can type their response directly into the form, with the text box expanding as required.

3. Can I post my booklet to you, with hand-written answers?

Yes, please send your submission by post to: Synod Responses, Formation Team, Bishop's House, The Upper Drive, Hove BN3 6NB

4. What is the deadline for Synod responses?

We need to receive online and postal responses by **Friday 4th February 2022**. This deadline will enable Bishop Richard and those helping him the time needed to collate our diocesan submission.

5. Do I need to answer all the questions?

No, it would be wonderful to receive complete responses to all the questions posed, however, we understand that this might not be possible. Submitting responses to some of the questions still provides valuable feedback and can be done using the online form.

6. Can I respond by myself, without being in a group?

Yes. We would suggest that you use the booklet available here:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod> to help you reflect on the Synod questions, using the diocesan online submission form (available on that page) to submit your contribution.

7. Do I have to join a parish group, or can I just talk with friends or family?

There is no set format. You are welcome to have a range of conversations about the Synod questions with people of all ages across your community. Please use the online form on our website to submit your response.

8. What will happen to my feedback?

Responses from across our Diocese will be collated throughout February 2022. Bishop Richard will present a summary of the feedback received during an online meeting taking place **9 March at 7.30pm**.

To register to attend this meeting, please visit:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6pon>

9. Who can I contact with questions about the Synod process in our Diocese?

Please E: synod@abdiocese.org.uk with any queries.