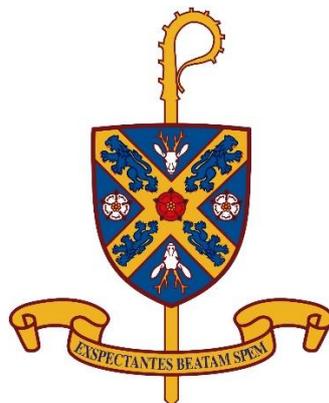




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**Diocese of Middlesbrough Synod
Feedback Booklet**



Synod of Bishops 2021-2023 Feedback

When conducting your parish or Apostolic Group listening meetings you will be asked to provide a synthesis of what was discussed at your meeting(s) and send this to Canon Derek Turnham, Bishop Terry's Synod Contact Person, who will then work with a group of lay people and clergy from within our diocese to discern and draft a synthesis of all the feedback from across the diocese. This will then go forward through Bishop Terry to the Conference of Bishops of England and Wales for further discernment along with that of every other diocese in England and Wales, in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in Rome in September 2023.

This Pro forma is intended to assist you in capturing the key points and to enable concise feedback. If you feel that this won't work for your parish or group then please do feel free to use some other method.

However, the final draft of the diocesan document will be limited to ten pages. With this in mind, we ask that you to be concise with your feedback. You can of course, add supplementary documents that your parish or group feel to be important.

Deadline for Parish submissions is by 22nd January 2022

We ask that you continue to remind people of the main questions posed by Pope Francis:

A synodal Church in announcing the Gospel, journeys together.

- 1. How is this journeying together happening today in your local church?***
- 2. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in your journeying together?***

We're asking you to record your parish or group feedback in brief bullet points under three headings:

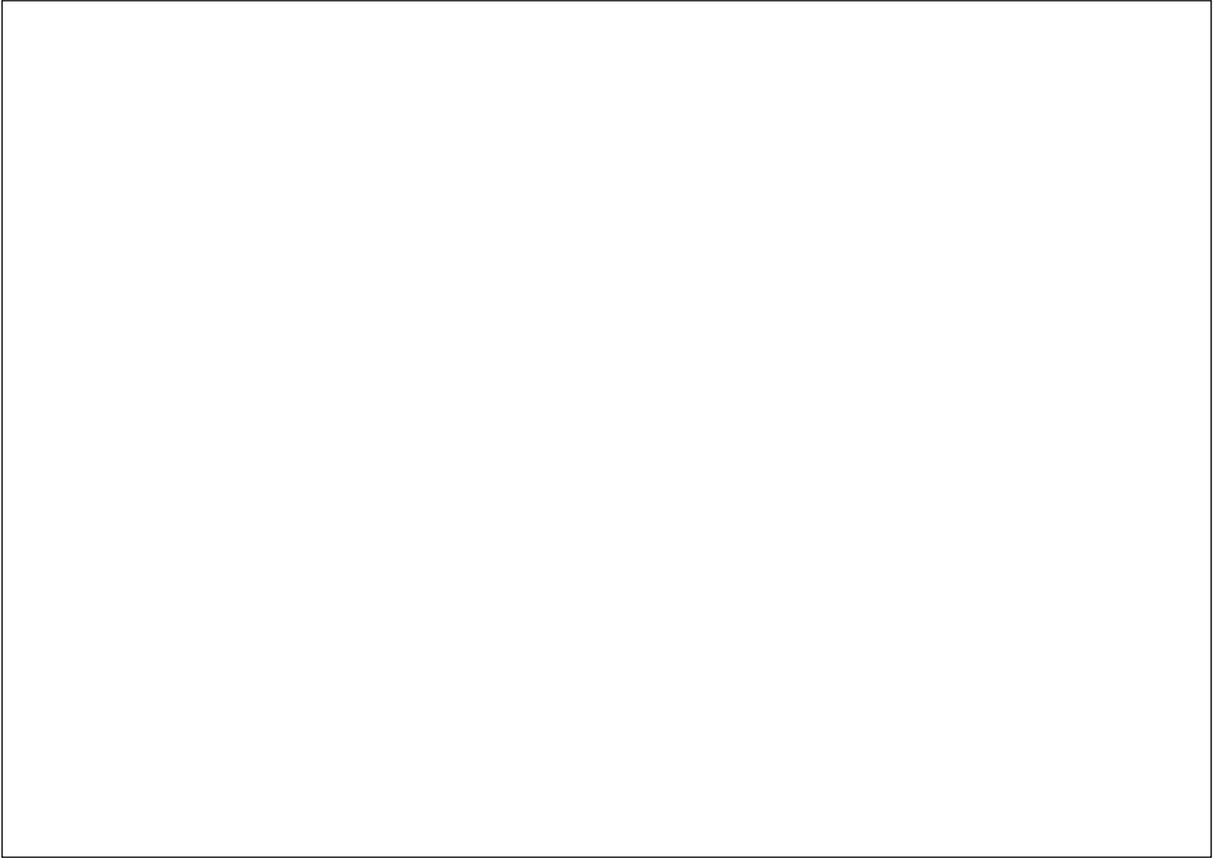
- 1 How is this journeying together happening today in your local church?***
- 2. What Conversations has the Spirit inspired in your sharing***
- 3. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?***

As you begin to draw together the key points of your discussions you may find that some constant areas or issues arise. These may well be:

- How are we journeying together as a community?
- Do we listen to one another?
- What is communication like in our parish or group?
- Does our liturgy inspire a deeper encounter with the risen Lord?
- How do I/we understand the mission of the Church?
- How do we dialogue in and outside of the Church?
- How do we relate to or work with other denominations and faiths?
- How is authority exercised in our community or group? Is there co-responsibility?
- How do we as a parish or group discern the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading us?
- What further formation do I or we as a parish or group need in order to be missionary disciples?

These areas may act as an aid to opening up your discussions should people in the group feel like they're struggling with the main questions. The above may well act as signposts in encouraging people to think, listen and speak. Likewise, they may provide useful headings to help categorise your feedback. **It is not expected that you cover all the above points**

1 *How is this journeying together happening today in your local church?*



2. *What Conversations has the Spirit inspired in your sharing*



3. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

Any other comments

Name of Parish

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Names of Parish Coordinators

Please return this completed form to Canon Derek Turnham

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