



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Synod on Synodality

Discernment (Collective)

For Listening Sessions at Parishes and with Groups

Discernment is listening deeply to both the internal and external (family, friends) reality, to your inner voice, to one another—the Church, parish and ultimately to the voice of God within and without in order to know the best course of action to take.

What does it really mean to have and participate in a communal process?

- a. Individual: discernment calls forth key issues; I must reflect on what I see as pastoral.
- b. Communal: Come together with others to listen to individual ideas regarding key pastoral issues that ought to be addressed. I choose to converse with others about our decisions.
- c. Collective Communal Discernment: Come together as a parish on individual and communal issues, and they are presented to all; lay all on the table.

****Key:** Individual and communal discernment is presented so that collective communal discernment can be experienced.

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