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## Pope Francis wants to hear from you!



Pope Francis wants to hear from you about what is happening in our local Catholic communities and in the universal Church, and how you feel the Holy Spirit is calling us to live out the mission of Jesus Christ today. To get everyone's input, Pope Francis is calling the entire Church to participate in a synod, where we speak with one another and listen with open hearts.

### What's a synod?

The word *synod* may be new to many Catholics, but it has been part of the life of the Church since Apostolic times. *Synod* comes from two Greek words meaning, "walking together." A synod is an ecclesial gathering whose goal is to discern what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church at the time.

We encourage you to add your voice to this historic process. If you want to participate in the synod, below are opportunities that will be offered at St. Mary Parish.

**Share with the Pope, how to better preach, strengthen & engage  
the message of Christ and His Church**

**Group Sessions** (6 per table) - Parish Hall

**Session 1 – Monday, March 14 at 7:30-9:00pm**

[Register online](#) or call Parish Office, 203-438-6538

or

**Semi-Private Sessions** (4 or less) - Parish Office

**Week of March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Call the Parish Office, 203-438-6538

or

**Submit your ideas online** ([here](#))

or drop off written comments at the Parish Office

Go to [www.smc.org](http://www.smc.org)  
for links to register or  
to submit your ideas.

**Responses will be collected, combined and communicated to Pope Francis**

Comments and suggestions should fall within the doctrines and teachings of the Church