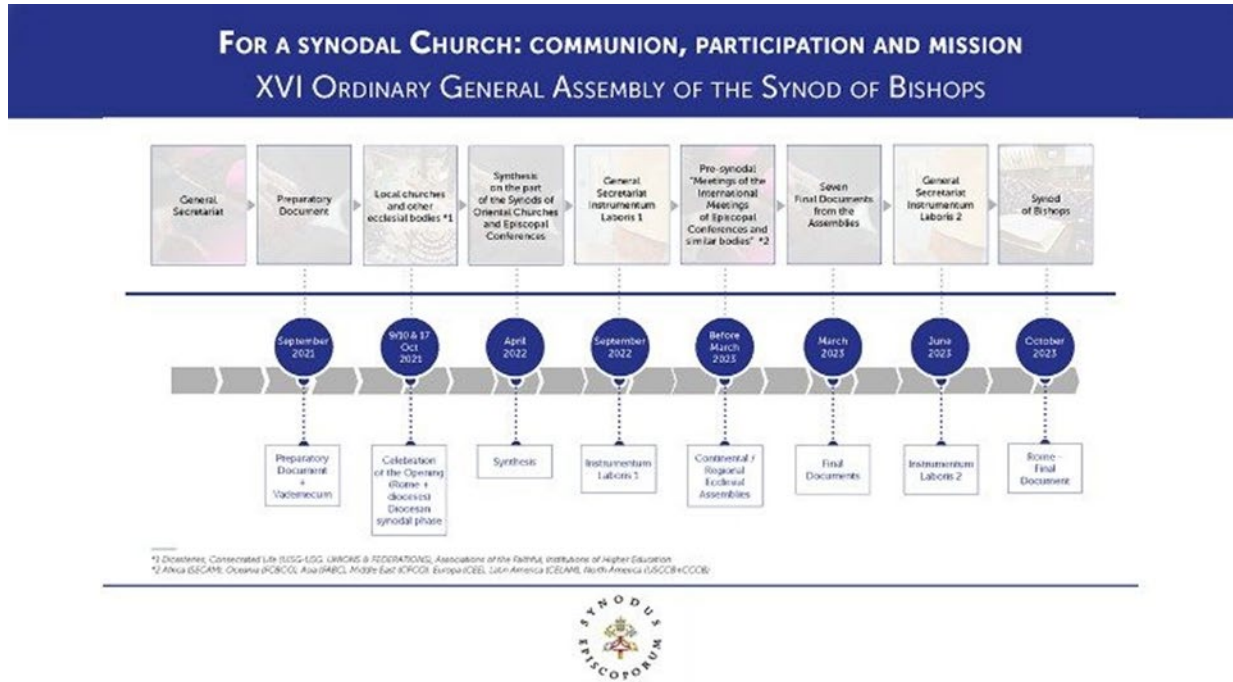


## For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

### XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops



### Diocesan Synod Process Preliminary Timeline

*June 22, 2021:* Memorandum from Reverend Monsignor Jeffrey D. Burill, General Secretary of the USCCB, to submit representative names for the Synodal Consultation

*June 30, 2021:* Bishop Matano named Mr. Bernard Grizard and Dr. Shannon Kilbridge Diocesan representatives for the Synodal process.

September 6, 2021: Vatican released the Preparatory Document and Vademecum for the Synod

<http://www.synod.va/en/news/preparatory-document.html>

<http://www.synod.va/en/news/vademecum-for-the-synod-on-synodality.html>

*September 7, 2021:* Memorandum from Reverend Michael J.K. Fuller, Interim General Secretary of the USCCB, announcing the release of the documents and the USCCB contact

*September 7 - 17:*

- Brainstorming with Bishop Matano about implementation of a synodal process in the DOR
- Development of a general plan and timeline for the Diocesan phase of the Synod

- Information gathering on survey platform options, Eucharistic Revival timelines, and other planned resources from the USCCB

*September 20 – October 17:*

- Letter to Pastors from Bishop Matano introducing the process to them and inviting to work with representatives for implementing the synod process
- Email from Mr. Grizard and Dr. Kilbridge to pastors providing more details and timeframe about the process
- Possible hiring of administrative support staff
- Meeting with Eucharistic Revival Committee
- Development of an online survey which can be used for individual responses directly to the diocese
- Development of facilitation resource to assist parishes and special groups to hold in person input sessions
- Create Synod landing page on the DOR website
- Bishop's letter in the October edition of the Catholic Courier
- Bishop's Mass on October 9 – 10
- Invitation for parishes to announce on October 17<sup>th</sup> and pray for the success of the Synod

*October 30, 2021 – March 1, 2022:*

- Communication of survey link and in person options to parishes and special groups
- Support for in person opportunities
- Identification of underrepresented groups and outreach to provide input
- Identification of drafting team and process

*March 1 – April 2022:*

- Identify key areas of concern for the report to be sent to USCCB
- Creation and approval of the report

*April 2022:*

- Bishop sends report to USCCB
- Presentation of results to Presbyteral Council and parishes