



Dear Parents,

Perhaps you have heard through the church or from your child that Pope Francis is inviting all Dioceses and parishes around the world to reach out to our members to share our faith journeys. We are called to listen to one another and to dialogue about how we can create positive changes in our church as we come out of these trying past few years. Our church is not the buildings in our cities but rather our people who gather together in faith. This includes our schools and the parents and students who have chosen a Catholic education.

Our parishes extend an invitation to you to share your experience in ‘Walking Together’ as the Church. This Synodal gathering includes active listening, reflection and sharing in small groups. In the listening encounter, we are invited to open our hearts to the faith experiences of others and become active participants in discerning the will of God for each one of us, and for the community of faith.

Whether you are currently attending mass, have been away for a while, or are interested in learning more about the church, you are invited to join us. A Synodal Church, faithful to Jesus in announcing the Gospel, must “journey together”.

We invite you to participate, as we journey together.

St. Patrick’s Church will be holding two in-person small group sessions

Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM or

Monday, April 4, 2022 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Please contact Deacon Terry at stpatsdeacon@shaw.ca to register for one of the sessions.

Holy Family Parish will be holding two further sessions

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in person or

Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10:00 AM to Noon in a Zoom meeting

Please go to [Holy Family Parish – Medicine Hat Catholic Church \(holyfamilymh.ca\)](http://HolyFamilyParish-MedicineHatCatholicChurch(holyfamilymh.ca)) and scroll down to the link to register.

Please prayerfully reflect and prepare some initial thoughts on these Synod Questions:

- **How have YOU experienced journeying together as the Church?**
- **What steps does the Holy Spirit invite US to take in order to grow in our “journeying together?”**

Please invite the Holy Spirit to reveal the thoughts you should consider in answering these questions, the experiences of Church you should remember, the joys or wounds they should reveal, and the insights you should gain.

We pray that you will be touched by the Holy Spirit to come and be part of the Listening Church process.

Yours in Christ

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