

The Synodal Process towards 2028

PROCESS OF LISTENING,
ENCOUNTERING, DIALOGUING, DISCERNING



9-10 OCTOBER 2021

Worldwide Opening of the Synodal Process



17 OCTOBER 2021

Local Opening of the Synodal Process



PHASE 1 - The Consultation of the people of God

**LOCAL - NATIONAL
CONSULTATION**



CONTINENTAL STAGE
DIALOGUE AMONG THE CHURCHES OF A SPECIFIC REGION



PHASE 2 - The discernment of the Pastors

4-29 OCTOBER 2023

1ST SESSION XVI General Ordinary
Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

2-27 OCTOBER 2024

2ND SESSION XVI General Ordinary
Assembly of the Synod of Bishops



PHASE 3 - The implementation *For a Synodal Church*

2025 MARCH

Announcement of the accompaniment and evaluation process

JUNE

Publication of the Support Document for the
Implementation Phase, with guidelines for its conduct

24-26 OCTOBER

Jubilee of Synodal Teams and participatory bodies.

2025 JUNE - 2026 DECEMBER

Implementation paths in local Churches
and their groupings

2027 FIRST HALF

Evaluation Assemblies in Dioceses and Eparchies

SECOND HALF

Evaluation Assemblies in National and International
Episcopal Conferences, Eastern hierarchical structures,
and other groupings of Churches.

2028

FIRST HALF
Continental Evaluation Assemblies

JUNE

Publication of the *Instrumentum laboris* for the
works of the Ecclesial Assembly in October 2028

OCTOBER

Celebration of the Ecclesial Assembly in the Vatican

