

LAST CHANCE! SYNODAL CHURCH IS A LISTENING CHURCH AND WE NEED YOUR HELP



The last SYNOD listening session is scheduled for TUE MAR 22 from 7:00-8:30PM in RM 2-4; if you have not had a chance to participate there is still time!

At this session, we'd also like to hear from people who are not here. The chances are good that we each know someone who used to attend St. Leo or another parish in our diocese who no longer participates. They could be our family, friends or neighbors. Please help us be a Church that Listens and invite them for MAR 22. We would like to know the following –

- 1 What are the reasons you stopped participating in the Catholic Church?
- 2 What changes could be made that would encourage you to regularly attend again?
- 3 What else is important for St. Leo, and our Diocesan Church, to hear?

Please reach out via call or visit and gently tell them what the Synod is about and that we would sincerely like to hear from them, and then, with an attitude of hospitality and acceptance,, ask them these three questions
Then: Take notes of their responses and share them, with no names

attached, <https://www.stleochurch.org/giving/>

A SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR ASKING AN INDIVIDUAL TO SHARE ABOUT WHY THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH *(Suggested "script" to help you with the invitation. Of course, you can shape this into your own words and to meet your unique situation.)*

"Hi, Here is a reason why I am calling you. The church is taking part in a giant listening session called a Synod. It is not just St. Leo but it is the whole Church, all around the world. Everybody is being encouraged to share about what the Church is doing well, in what ways it is coming up short or failing, and how it can do better.

We want to hear from everybody: everyone who is very involved, everyone who is attending, and, most importantly, everyone who has drifted away from the church or who has been driven away from the church. We have had several gatherings at St. Leo but we also wanted to reach out to individuals like you. I know that you used to attend St. Leo (or another church in our Diocese), and I was wondering if you would be willing to talk with me about why you left and what, if anything, could be changed that might encourage you to attend again?

Your responses would of course be anonymous with no names attached. We can talk now or you can think about what you might want to share and we can talk later. Is this something you can help me with?"

If you cannot attend MAR 22 but would like to participate you can go to link below and enter your input or you can simply put your notes and thoughts in an envelope market Attn: Fr. Joe/SYNOD and drop off at parish office.

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For additional information or to answer any questions, please contact the parish office at 392-2710 or contact either Dave Jones (djones31@rochester.rr.com...392-5087) or Jack Norris (jnorris4@rochester.rr.com....613-5879) directly from Parish Council.

For more details on the SYNOD including a listing of the 10 guiding themes, please visit www.dor.org/synod