

SYNOD OFFICE

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NOMINATION OF PARISH SYNOD MEMBER

Name of Parish: _____

Synod Member: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____ (Parish Priest)

Please return this form to: Synod Office, St Mark's Presbytery, Penmann Crescent,
Halewood, Liverpool L26 0UG or email the details to synod2020@rcaol.co.uk by

Friday 14 December 2018



SELECTING A SYNOD MEMBER

A Guide for Parishes

ROLE OF A SYNOD MEMBER

Members of Synod 2020 are invited from parishes and from the various communities and agencies that form the rich diversity of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Synod members will be tasked with listening, reflecting and discerning. They will be asked to find ways of listening to the concerns, needs and reflections of their communities and to 're-present' these to the Synod where they will be gathered together, in a coherent fashion.

Synod members will be called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit guiding the life and mission of the Church in this place and time. After reflection and discernment the main themes from the local conversations will emerge. These will be added to the other models of discerning and listening. Synod members will be asked to take the themes back to their communities, where they will begin to formulate the concrete proposals upon which the Synod gathering will vote in October 2020.

No prior theological knowledge or expertise is required for this important role but personal commitment, preparation, prayer, being open to guidance and enthusiasm are crucial to it.

Those considering putting themselves forward for this task must be willing and able to commit to the Synod process for a period of 2 years. Members will be expected to be present for the one and a half days of the Synod and to attend a number of preparatory gatherings which will prepare them to work with other Synod members in their Pastoral Areas to lead local gatherings at each stage of the Synod journey.

WHO MIGHT BE A SYNOD MEMBER?

A Synod member is a baptized Catholic who is...

- open to the presence and activity of the Spirit of God in our world, in our Church and in each person
- outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence (cf. Canon 512)
- prepared to listen carefully to the needs of the Church in Liverpool Archdiocese
- trying to foster a personal prayer life

- committed to the Baptismal call to play a part in the Church's mission
- committed to the process of the Synod journey
- committed to attendance at meetings and participation in preparation and formation
- willing (with guidance and support) to facilitate group discussions
- willing to put aside personal agendas to listen with respect and without judgment to the ideas and opinions of others
- prepared to gather and record people's ideas and to feed them back faithfully to the diocese
- committed to the work of dialogue and consensus-building in developing proposals
- enthusiastic and hope-filled about the future

CHOOSING YOUR PARISH SYNOD MEMBER

Each parish in the Archdiocese will choose one member of the parish community to be their Synod Member. This person will coordinate local listening and discernment, will keep the parish informed about the progress of the Synod, will be a local point of contact for parishioners, and will attend the Synod and all preparatory meetings leading up to October 2020.

It is the responsibility of the local parish priest to facilitate the selection of the parish Synod member. We trust that you will find a way to discern this decision that meets the needs of the parish but you may like to consider how to:

- Invite expressions of interest
- Shortlist (if numbers are large)
- Involve others in discerning the final selection

The details of your chosen Synod Member should be forwarded to the Synod Coordinator using the form overleaf or by email by **Friday 14 December 2018**.

A synodal Church is a Church of participation and co-responsibility. In exercising synodality she is called to give expression to the participation of all, according to each one's calling.

(Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church, International Theological Commission)