

Diocesan Synod Consultation: EXTENDED DEADLINE!

We are three weeks through the nine week period for parishioners to participate in the Diocesan Synod Consultation process. This has been extended to May 10.

What is the Synod trying to achieve?

This is explained on the Diocesan website – bunburycatholic.org.au org - News and Events - Diocesan Synod.

What is the relationship between the Diocesan Synod and the Plenary Council?

The Diocesan Synod was decided with the encouragement of the organisers of the Plenary Council. The Synod process is coordinated with that of the Plenary Council. Both have the same facilitator.

The consultation question last year was that for the Plenary Council. All responses went to the Plenary Council.

The difference is that the Council focuses on Australia whereas the Synod focuses on the Diocese.

What are the current Synod consultation questions?

The four questions as a result of the first consultation are:

- How can our parishes engage more effectively with young people?
- How can we as faithful communities support the ongoing development of shared and transparent leadership in our parishes?
- How can we support our priests in their ministry amongst us?
- How can we support the development of our parishes as praying communities?

Where can I find consultation response sheets?

To respond anonymously, go to the Diocesan website (bunburycatholic.org.au – News and Events – Diocesan Synod)

Otherwise, take response sheets from the parish church and send them to the address included on the page.

When does the consultation conclude?

The last day for responses to the consultation is Friday May 10.

Thank you
Bishop Gerard