

Adapted Synodal Process for SASMAD visitors

Introduction to the Synodal Process: (summary)

Consider the people you visit or are in contact with through SASMAD. Pray about whom you might suggest this conversation to. Include Catholics and Non-Catholics, practicing and non-practicing individuals. When you think you would like to invite someone into this conversation, you can follow these steps (modify if needed):

Step One: Suggest this conversation to the person you visit. Are they open to it?

Step Two: Leave them with the two questions (see below) to reflect and pray about (you may choose the original or adapted questions, not both). Ask them to write down what comes up for them. Set a time to meet again to talk.

Step Three: At the **conversation meeting**, invite them to share their reflections on **question one** with you. Take notes. Let them know you are listening. Do not comment or add your own opinion to the discussion. Allow some time for reflection in silence.

Step Four: Then invite them to share their reflections on **question two** with you. Take notes. Let them know you are listening. Do not comment or add your own opinion to the discussion.

If it seems appropriate, end the session with a prayer and always with a word of thanks for their participation in the synodal process. Let them know their thoughts will be recorded and considered as part of diocesan report that will be sent to Rome. Thank them for making their voice heard in the Church.

Step 5: The visitor would write up their notes from the conversation and summarize the discussion with up to three bullet points. These notes and the three bullet points would then be sent to: synode@diocesemontreal.org for submission.

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Original Question 1: In our diocesan Church, what is the current state of our “journeying together” and what steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take in order to advance toward this goal?

Adapted Question 1: *In the Church in Montreal, how do you feel you are listened to, connected, or accompanied by the Church and what steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take to move closer to a goal of journeying together?*

Adapted for the non-religious: *When you consider the Church in Montreal, how do you feel you are listened to, connected or accompanied and what steps do you feel would help us move closer to a goal of journeying together?*

Original Question 2: By listening to the world around us, what are the calls of the Spirit that will guide our missionary action? It is very possible that locally more concrete ideas of actions to be taken can emerge, in relation to the specific needs of the community.

Adapted Question 2: *By listening to what is happening in the world around us, how is the Holy Spirit calling us to action?*

Adapted for the non-religious: *By listening to what is happening in the world around us, how are we being called to take action?*