School Community Synthesis Form

**How to use this form:** Thank you for your generosity in taking part in the Synodal Pathway in the Diocese of Westminster. Please use this form to tell us the story of the process in your school community. This will ensure we can include the experience of your school within the diocesan synthesis that we’ll prepare for our Pre-synod Diocesan Gathering on 19th February. We hope to be able to tell the story of the synodal pathway across the diocese, so that together we can discern what the Holy Spirit might be saying to the Church in Westminster. It will also help us make our formal submission to the Bishops’ Conference, for the national and international stages of the synod process. Please note, we will not be identifying any particular schools or parishes. Reference to anything within your synthesis will be anonymised.

***Including extra information:***

* As well as completing this form, you are welcome to send any notable examples from your listening sessions. These can be included to emphasise particular experiences or insights which enriched your synodal listening. However, please ensure that you also synthesise these experiences using this Synthesis Form.
* You are also welcome to include a small number of high resolution photographs/screengrabs of any walls of post-its / flip charts, which help illustrate your synthesis.

**Deadline:** Please return by **21 January 2022** to:amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk *If you are able, we welcome your Synthesis to be returned earlier.*

**Name of School** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Name(s) of who compiled the synthesis** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email address** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date of Submission** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Who took part:**

1. [ ]  Students - Please indicate age range: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. [ ]  Others - Please list : Click or tap here to enter text.

**How many people took part in your synodal process (please estimate if necessary)**Click or tap here to enter text.

**How do you think the participant(s) in your synodal pathway would describe themselves – tick all that apply:**

1. [ ]  Committed to Faith, Regular attendance at Mass
2. [ ]  Faith & Church have some relevance. E.g. Occasional Attendance at Mass
3. [ ]  Culturally Catholic but Church has little relevance
4. [ ]  From a different Christian tradition
5. [ ]  From a different faith community
6. [ ]  Person of no faith

There are five sections – please try to complete them all.

**1) What was the story of your synodal pathway in your school?**

* What were the main steps you took?
* Who took part?

**2) What experiences of ‘journeying together’ were shared?**

* What was shared about the ‘story’ of the Church?
* How did people feel part of the Church (or not)?
* Who did people feel were not welcomed or valued in the Church? How can we listen to them, include them, love them?

**3) What dreams did people have for the Church?**

**4) What was shared about what the Holy Spirit wants?**

* For our own lives?
* For the Church?
* How can we make this happen?

**5) What was most significant?**

* What did you notice about how people participated? What attitudes or feelings stood out?
* What was particularly significant, surprising or unexpected?
* What topics or issues gave rise to different points of view?
* Were any stories or real-life experiences especially moving and why? (Please anonymise – we only need a sense of the experiences shared.)

**Optional: Is there anything else you’d like to share?**