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We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
 With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
 teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
 We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
 nor partiality influence our actions.
 Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together
 to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
 All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
 in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
 Amen.





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TODAY

- Conversations in the Spirit
- Communication Update
- Synod 2027 Overview
- Q and A



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Pastoral Center Assembly Day

Conversations in the Spirit

Prayer		Opening prayer with Lectio Divina
Round	1 min	Silence to ponder question and make notes
One	2 min each	Each person has a chance to speak. No discussion.
Round Two	1 min	Silence
	1.5 min each	Each person in turn share what moved or struck you most or resonated for you in first round. No discussion.
Round Three	1 min	Silence
	1 min each	What common themes and areas of concern emerged? Where do we see the Holy Spirit leading? What invitations or hopes surfaced?
Fruits		Time for table to affirm and clarify notes

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Conversations Prompt

As you reflect on your experience of faith and the Church,
what stands out to you—experiences of joy or hope,
difficulty or disappointment, belonging or exclusion,
encounter or longing?



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Please recommend!

- Table hosts needed
 - Guide conversation, keep time for individual contributions
 - Take notes during Round 3 and record in digital survey



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Communications Update

- [Updated Conversations in the Spirit](#) portion of the website
 - Including [formation material](#)
- [Invitation video](#) from Archbishop Casey
- Promo materials on [Catholic Social Media](#)



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2026

HOW WILL THE SYNOD PROCEED?

Synod 2027 will
proceed in five
movements:

FIRST HALF OF 2026 Formation and Preparation

A time for orienting everyone – clergy, vowed religious, and laity – to the meaning, purpose, and scope of **Synod 2027**.

SECOND HALF OF 2026 Initial Synodal Conversations

These will consist of multiple small sessions, conducted in prayer and conversations in the Holy Spirit, about local needs, opportunities, and issues. This will be everyone's opportunity to participate.

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2027

FIRST HALF OF 2027

Synthesis, Prayer, and Preparation

This time period will be dedicated to prayerful distillation of themes and issues to be treated during the General Assembly, as well as logistical preparation for the Assembly. Delegates will be chosen and prepared to appropriately and knowledgeably represent their constituents.

SECOND HALF OF 2027

General Assembly

A two to two-and-a-half-day gathering for prayer, listening and discernment by delegates from each Family of Parishes and other institutions across the archdiocese, resulting in the recommendation of pastoral priorities to the archbishop.

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HOW WILL THE SYNOD PROCEED?

Synod 2027 will proceed in five movements:

2028

FIRST HALF OF 2028

Implementation

Following the General Assembly, Archbishop Casey will discern priorities and next steps for implementation.



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Your Questions and Ideas

- What questions do you have?
- What questions do you hear from others?



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- What ideas do you have to promote or deepen understanding?



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