

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## Synod of Bishops

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to take part in preparing for a Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The Pope is asking the whole Church to take part in a Synodal Journey. The term "Synod" is derived from a Greek word meaning journeying together. The Pope invites us to recognise that the whole Church is on a journey together until the Lord comes again. At this time, we are asked to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to one another so that we can discern what God is asking of his Church as we journey together into the future.

This prayerful listening exercise is an invitation for people to come together to reflect on the life of the Church under three key headings:

**Communion** – the life of faith we share together as God's Holy People, what it means to be part of the Church.

**Participation** – the way in which we actively take part in the life of the Church,

**Mission** – the way in which the Church makes Christ present and brings the Good News to others.

Everybody has a part to play in this listening exercise and people everywhere are reflecting on these themes. Schools too, are a very important part of the life of the Church so will have an opportunity to contribute to this synodal journey. The reflections that come from all discussions will be shared with the wider Archdiocese. These will inform the evaluation made by the Archdiocese which will be part of a bigger evaluation of the Church in England and Wales which will be sent to Rome in preparation for the Synod in 2023.

The Archdiocese are inviting all our schools to take part to reflect on these matters and has put together a series of reflective questions for parents to consider. The link to access this survey is:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ZaYXOA15OEWROIK65aakqonRvuQrQBdLbQyhMDqFeNUQU1XTUIFOUgxSzQ2RjhKNTk2WjhWUTIZVi4u>.

We would invite you to complete this survey by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Elliott'.

Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher