



Diocese of Dallas SYNOD 2024

Through this Diocese of Dallas Synod listening session, we invite you to prayerfully consider and answer these questions as we seek to create a dialogue, find solutions and develop strategies to help chart the future of the Diocese of Dallas.

QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE JANUARY 28 SYNOD LISTENING SESSION ON VOCATIONS AND MINISTERIAL FORMATION

1. Every vocation is a response to a personal call from God. What can we do to learn how to pray, and to teach others how to pray, so that we might all hear God calling us?
2. How can lay men and women working in a secular career be helped to enter their professional lives with an understanding of their mission as Catholics, and be empowered to carry this mission out?
3. How can the Church encourage people of all ages to embrace and use their God-given gifts?
4. How might priests and ministers understand better the challenges faced by Catholics working in a "secular" profession? What can the Church as a whole do to serve Catholics working in the world?
5. What do priests and deacons do well today? What do lay ministers do well today? What could be missing in their formation?
6. How can the diocese encourage men and women to work full-time in the Church, and to see their work as an authentic ministry (as opposed to "a job to pay the bills")?
7. How can the diocese encourage men to consider priesthood, and men and women to consider religious or consecrated life? How can the diocese encourage parents to be open to God's call to a religious vocation for their children?
8. How can we all be appropriately involved in assisting those in our life to discover, and then to persevere, in their vocations, whether to priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, or marriage?
9. How can the diocese help individuals be prepared for and properly discern marriage, prior to engagement?
10. How can marriage preparation be improved in the Diocese of Dallas? How can we continue to support marriages after the wedding, both for newlyweds and those that have been married longer?

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