Parishes to host consultations in March

Parishes at the San Diego Diocese will invite their faithful to participate in a consultation to be held in March.

The consultation is the heart of a process formally called a “synod,” or gathering. In this synod, Pope Francis is inviting Catholics worldwide to “journey together,” listening to each other’s experiences in the Church and their concerns, ideas and dreams for its future. The synod is to conclude in 2023.

The goal is to develop a Church culture where individuals listen to one another in all facets of church life. This consultation is important because the insights that emerge will shape how the diocese, and the greater Church, will fulfill its mission going forward.

The consultation consists of small-group sessions, with six to eight people each, gathering for 75 minutes or so. The participants will include the people in the pews, clergy, religious and seminarians.

A wide variety of church-related groups also will hold these sessions. Staff and parents from the diocese’s Catholic schools will be invited to participate, as well.

In the coming days, our parish will announce when we will hold these sessions and how you can participate. They will be held English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Please visit sdcatholic.org/synod (English) and sdcatholic.org/sinodo (Spanish) for details about this consultation. And follow @DioceseSanDiego on Facebook and @SDCatholics on Instagram for news about it.

At this crucial moment, our Church needs all of us. Join us as we journey together toward renewal.