

Symposium for Diocesan Pastoral Planners

The Journey to a Synodal Church:

Synodal Spirituality, Processes and Structures for Diocesan Pastoral Planning

May 21-22, 2024 University of Dayton, Ohio

SCHEDULE

Draft subject to development and minor changes within the overall timeframe

Mon, May 20

Checkin to hotels upon arrival at University of Dayton

5p-7p: optional welcome reception with heavy appetizers at UD for early arrivals

Tues, May 21

8a Registration opens; light breakfast available

9a Welcomes and Opening Prayer

9:30a Overview and goals of the symposium

9:45a Meet your tablemates (a significant experience of icebreaker, listening/dialogue)

10:15a Content Block 1: **Essential Elements of Synodality - Spirituality and Ecclesiology**

Objectives of this session: Get attendees engaged with one another in the symposium; Clarity by all participants of Synodality-defined.

When you think of Synodality: "Walking together" "Listening to each other"

What it is? What it is not?

Break

Breakout groups to discuss aspects of Synodality—Facilitated table discussions

Report out and summary of discussion

12p LUNCH

1p Content Block 2: **A Theology of Synodality**

Academics in AoC presents their work on Synodality in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Application to pastoral planning work

Break

Application to diocesan planning initiatives

4:30p Evening Prayer

4:45p Programmatic end to day; down time for emails, freshening up, calls home, etc.

6:30p Dinner

8p Optional evening light discussion/panel or some sort of fun group activity

Weds, May 22

8a Breakfast available in Meyer Room

8:30a Morning Prayer

8:45a Synthesis of the first day, hopes for today

- Includes significant time for discussion at tables

9:30a Content Block 3: **Synodality in Action**

Three Peer presentations on how Synodality has been carried out at the local level (25 minutes each)

Basics of the process employed

What went well, What we would do differently

Break

Panel Discussion with moderator

Noon LUNCH

12:45p Content Block 4: **A Future for Synodality in Pastoral Planning**

Application ideas for being more Synodal in:

Strategic Planning

Pastoral Planning

Formation of clergy, religious and lay leaders

2:45p Honorable conclusions and next steps

3:15p Thanks and closing prayer

3:30p Official End

5:30p Optional dinner for those who can't make late flights and will travel on Thurs