Instructions for Parish/Group Summary Report

For parishes and other communities/groups (e.g., college campus ministries, Catholic schools, movements/apostolates, other groups not attached to one parish, etc.) who engage the Synod consultation process in the diocese with listening sessions, <u>one summary report</u> from each entity (parish/group) is requested to be submitted to the diocese. Please keep in mind the following:

- Even if each parish/group has multiple listening sessions, only one summary report is requested from each entity.
- Reports from parishes should have the approval of the pastor
- Reports from other communities/groups should have the approval of the appropriate lead (e.g., chaplains, principals, local lead/director of movement/apostolate, etc.).
- As helpful and important as these reports will be for the diocesan report, vital to this whole process is the experience of prayer, listening and lived synodality being encouraged.

Below is the requested framework to follow when compiling your summary report:

- Reports should be entered and submitted electronically to synod@raldioc.org.
- Please use synod@raldioc.org if you have any questions or encounter any problems.
- If necessary, a hard-copy report can be mailed to the diocesan offices, ATTN: Synod.

Section A: Basic Information

- 1) Name of parish, Catholic school, campus ministry or community/group
- 2) Address of parish, Catholic school, campus ministry or community/group
- 3) Name of pastor/leader
- 4) Name of person filling out this report/form; phone number; email address

Section B: Assessing the Synod Process within Your Parish/Community

- 1) What process did you chose to consult your community. Please check all that apply:
 - o Prayer-Centered Listening Sessions (in-person, virtual, hybrid)
 - o Online Survey
 - o Other Meetings
 - o Phone Calls
 - Something else? [Please describe.]
- 2) Whom did you consult? Please check all that apply:
 - a. Parish/community members
 - b. Parish/community leadership, staff & volunteers
 - c. Parish councils (pastoral and finance)
 - d. Inactive Catholics
 - e. Other Christians
 - f. Those of other religions
 - g. Unaffiliated
 - h. Other
- 3) What was the best part of the process? What were the high points?
- 4) What was the most challenging aspect of the consultation process?
- 5) What are some lessons learned?
- 6) Are there steps that your community will be taking as a result of this process?