THE CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT

A DYNAMIC OF DISCERNMENT IN THE SYNODAL CHURCH



PERSONAL PREPARATION

By entrusting oneself to the Father, conversing in prayer with the Lord Jesus and listening to the Holy Spirit, each one prepares his or her own contribution to the topic. Read the reflection in advance on your own or together in a small group. How are you feeling after reading the reflection? What are you thinking? What do you desire?

SILENCE, PRAYER AND LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD



TAKING THE WORD AND LISTENING

In small groups of 6-8 people, each person takes turns speaking from his or her own experience and prayer. When others are speaking, remember to listen with an open and humble heart.

SILENCE AND PRAYER



MAKING SPACE FOR OTHERS AND THE OTHER

From what the others have said, each one shares what has resonated most with him or her or what has aroused the most resistance in him or her, allowing himself or herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit: "What am I hearing the Holy Spirit saying to us?" This time when sharing, do not add anything new to the conversation - just your response to what you have heard already shared.

SILENCE AND PRAYER



BUILDING TOGETHER

Together we dialogue on the basis of what emerged earlier in order to discern and gather the fruit of the conversation in the Spirit: to recognize intuitions and convergences; to identify discordances, obstacles and new questions; to allow prophetic voices to emerge. It is important that everyone can feel represented by the outcome of the work.
"To what steps is the Holy Spirit calling us together?" Once everyone has shared their ideas for action, identify 2-3 emerging actions which could be taken.

FINAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING