

We are Church International
Survey 2022 of Diocesan Activities for the Worldwide Synodal Process 2023

IRELAND

	National Bishop's Conference	Name of Diocese: There are 26 dioceses in Ireland
		See separate EXCEL sheet for analyses for each diocese
Mentioned on homepage: Yes +URL / no	YES	15/26
Link on homepage to further details	YES	15/26
Diocesan contact person(s) appointed?	NO	0/26
Diocesan synodal team set up?	YES	1/26
Invitation to participate?	YES	Yes
deadline	NO	NO
Who is invited?	Everyone	Not clear
Which feedback tools offered?	None yet.	1/26 offered a Response Form
Reaching out to "minorities", other denominations , non-Catholics?	Not yet.	Not yet.
10 main questions for consultation addressed?	NO	No
other questions for consultation addressed?	NO	No
Transparency/Clarity of the process: good – mediocre – bad?	POOR. Launch of new website and naming of 20 on Synodal Steering Committee deferred to January 2022	Poor.
Transparency re. final summary?	NO	No.
Other aspects you would like to share	Ireland is also planning a National Synodal Assembly or Assemblies in 5 years time. They are trying to integrate this with the 2023 Global Synod.	With the extension of consultation period to August 2022, there appears to be a collective decision to leave this to next year.

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Irish dioceses show little interest in Global Synod

A review of websites of all 26 Irish dioceses to see if Pope Francis' Global Synod was mentioned showed 10 dioceses (38%) with no information at all.

Most surprising is that not one of the dioceses named their Contact Person. This is the first item on the timeline from the Vatican's Synod office. And only one diocese (Elphin) named the members of their Synod Committee.

Derry and Dublin were the best with lots of helpful links and short videos.

Raphoe deserve a special mention as the only diocese with an online Response Form! And their Form is in both English and Irish! Have Covid and Christmas combined with the extension for public consultations to August 2022 made our bishops decide to do little until next year? Surely after the experience of the past 18 months we have learnt how to engage online with ZOOM and other media? And one of Pope Francis' stated aims is to hear from all those at the margins and outside the institutional church. That group makes up the large majority of the population of Ireland and they are surely best contacted using social media?

I would like to conclude with a FAQ on the Dublin website:

Will the results of the deliberations be filtered and sanitised?

No. Every effort will be made to convey what happens at meetings accurately, honestly and fairly.

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		HOME page link	Orientation presentation	Parish pack	Video	Contact Person named	Synod Committee named	Link to Vatican Synod website	Vademecum Link	Preparatory Document link	Response form		Total
1	Derry	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0		6
2	Dublin	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0		6
3	Kildare & Leighlin	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0		4
4	Elphin	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0		3
5	Killala	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		3
6	Kilmore	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0		3
7	Limerick	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
8	Raphoe	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		3
9	Armagh	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		2
10	Cashel & Emily	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
11	Cloyne	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
12	Killaloe	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
13	Meath	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		2
14	Ossory	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
15	Achonry	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
16	Kerry	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
17	Ardagh & Clonmacnois	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
18	Clogher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
19	Clonfert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
20	Cork & Ross	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
21	Down & Connor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
22	Dromore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
23	Ferns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
24	Galway, Kilmacduagh & Kilfenora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
25	Tuam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
26	Waterford & Lismore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0