

The Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod

Continuing our journey on the road of
Communion, Participation, and Mission

*Over the months of 2023/2024, each pastor/pastoral administrator with their parish will be asked to choose one or two **Local Listening Facilitators**. These people will be provided with training and guidance in the skills of listening and creating safe environments to ensure healthy dialogue.*

Just before Advent 2024,

a Local Listening Facilitator from each parish will meet in plenary with the Bishop's Advisory Council and the Priests' Council to discern a set of questions to be explored.

Over the following months,

the Local Listening Facilitators will hold Listening Circles in their parishes and the wider community to discuss the questions that were chosen.

During the time of Pentecost 2025,

a Local Listening Facilitator from each parish will meet in plenary with all clergy, pastoral administrators, and Diocesan leadership committees. The group will listen and reflect on the results of the local Listening Circles, and the results of this meeting will inform planning and actions at the Parish and the Diocesan level.

The Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod cycle will then begin again with another Local Listening Facilitator plenary before Advent 2025.

The whole People of God have been called to walk together
as the Holy Spirit helps us to discern
the Lord's will for his Church.

"I am inspired by the wisdom that has been shared in Synod 2021-2024 so far, and am confident the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us as we establish a Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod in the Diocese of Victoria."

+Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

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