



A Conversation in the Spirit



**Listening to One
Another and to the
Holy Spirit**

Silence, prayer and listening
to the Word of God

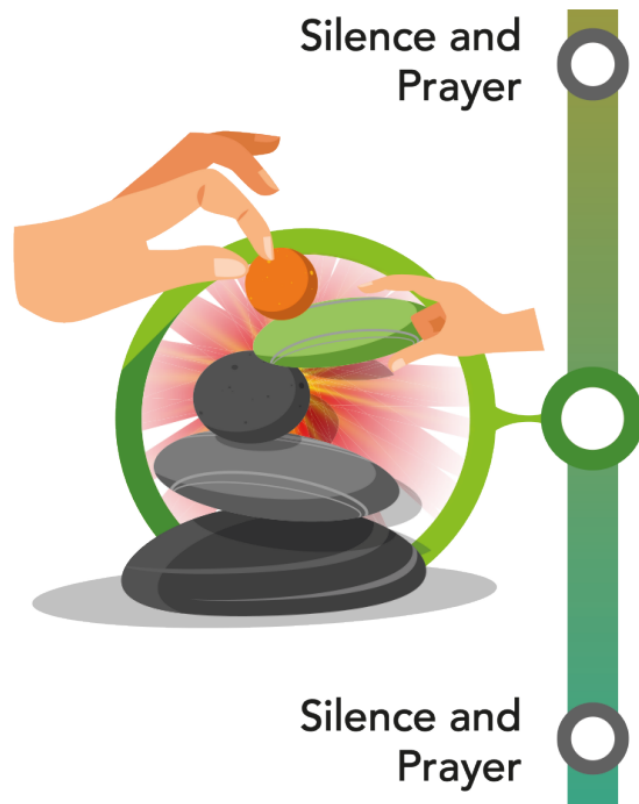
«Taking the word and listening»

Each person takes turns speaking from his or her own experience and prayer, and listens carefully to the contribution of others.

Silence and
Prayer



Conversation in the Spirit – Round 1



«Making space for others and the Other»

From what the others have said, each one share: 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: "When, listening, did my heart burn within me?"

Conversation in the Spirit – Round 2

From time to time, Participants will be invited to observe a moment of silence, to encourage interiorizing the interventions they have listened to.

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«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?”



Final prayer
of thanksgiving

Conversation in the Spirit – Round 3



Guided Meditation

Building a Culture of Synodality

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How can Conversation in the Spirit become part of our practice?

- Where prayer, listening, silence and reflection are core to our work
- Where we focus on listening to each other with patience and generosity
- Where we discern together seeking consensus in the Holy Spirit
- Where we make it a point to listen to and offer friendship to those on the margins
- Where friendships are built
- Where trust is built
- Where every voice is heard





“To you Silence is Praise”

*“If you love the truth, be a lover of silence
and God grant you to experience that
which is generated by silence.”*

Isaac the Syrian



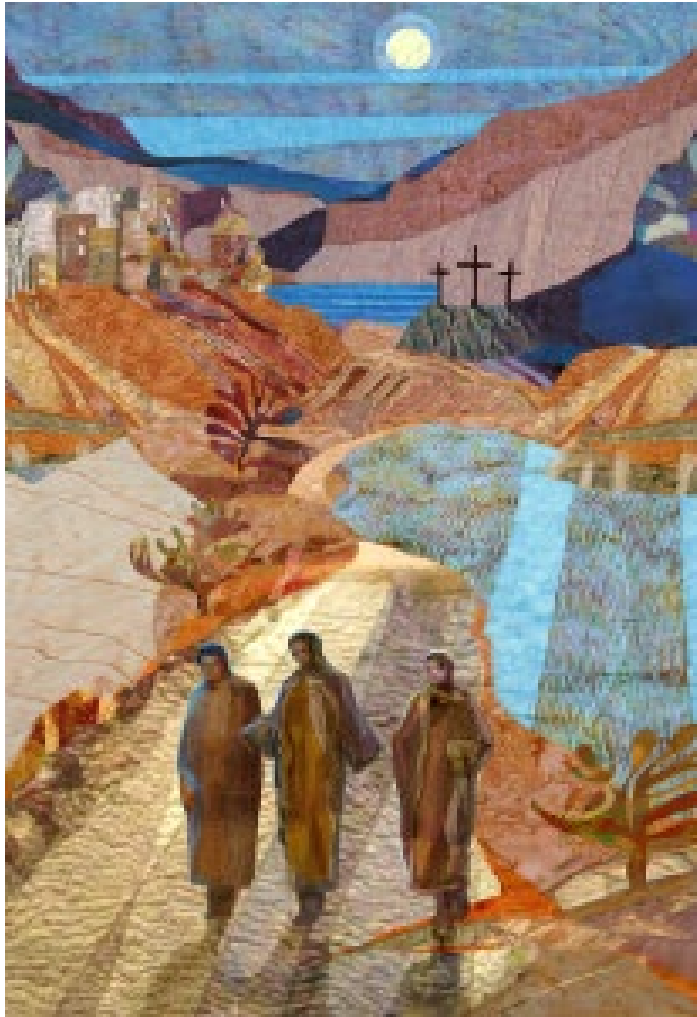
“Conversation leads to conversion”

“If we really LISTEN, our ready-made answers will evaporate.”



“The Spirit of Truth”

Letting ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit . . . having him, enlighten, guide and direct us.”



Friendship

“This Synod (our work together) will be fruitful if it leads us into a deeper friendship with the Lord and with each other.”



“Todos, Todos, Todos”

“There is space for everyone,
and when there isn't,
please let's us work so that there is . . .

“To find out who is my neighbour,
the lawyer must first understand
the experience of the wounded man.”



“Hope Against Hope”

“Our hope is whatever small deeds we do in this Synod (in our work together) will bear fruit beyond our imagination.”

Pilgrims of Hope



Consolidation

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"To listen is to lean in softly with a willingness to be changed by what you hear"

Mark Nepo

"Are we willing to be changed by what we hear?"