



## SYNODAL U VIDEO REFLECTION GUIDE FR. MARK RAVIZZA, SJ

### *Opening Reading – Ephesians 2:17-22*

He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

### *Question for Faith Sharing and Reflection – 10 min*

*(Participants are invited to reflect in pairs and then as a large group)*


What words, phrase or ideas stood out to you as you heard the reading? Why?

How have you experienced unity in diversity within the Church? What insights have you gained from these experiences?


## Watch video: Fr. Mark Ravizza, SJ (4:30)




### Video Quotes




“ Synodality has to begin with us deepening our prayer. ”



“ We need to develop the skill of having spiritual conversations where we share in a prayerful and discerning way with one another what the Holy Spirit is saying to us in prayer. ”



“ An image of Church, the People of God, led by the Spirit as we listen to where God is calling us? ”



“ Don't be afraid. I am calling you by name. ”

*What quotes or lines from the video stood out to you? Why?*

### Group Reflection on Video

- Fr. Mark says that we need to develop the skill of having spiritual conversations where we share in a prayerful and discerning way with one another what the Holy Spirit is saying to us in prayer.
- Have you been part of spiritual conversations like this? What was the experience like? How did these conversations impact your own understanding of how the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church, in the lives of others and in your life?

*(take some time for individual reflection/journaling, then share in large group)*

- What skills and attitudes are required to facilitate and participate in spiritual conversations?

*(create a list and post)*

- Fr. Mark quotes Pope Francis saying “Synodality is the path of the Church in the Third Millennium” How is pastoral leadership exercised in a synodal church? How is this different from or similar to other models of pastoral leadership?
- What skills and experiences are required to prepare pastoral leaders for a synodal church?

*(add these to the first list)*

- Finally, where and how are you developing these skills in your own formation or practice of ministry? How could this happen more?