



SYNODAL U VIDEO REFLECTION GUIDE JESUIT SCHOLASTICS

Opening Reading – Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:17-18

[1] Después derramaré mi espíritu sobre todos: vuestros hijos e hijas profetizarán,
I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your young men shall see visions,
your old men shall dream dreams.

Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids
I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days,
and they shall prophesy.

Question for Faith Sharing and Reflection – 10 min


(Participants are invited to reflect individually and then as a large group)

Peter proclaims this passage from the prophet Joel to the large crowd “of every nation” that assembled after the Pentecost. God lavished His Spirit on everyone regardless of their culture, nationality, or ethnicity. Where and how have you experienced the presence of the Spirit in unexpected places and people? How has this shaped your understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit in the world?


Watch video: Jesuit Scholastics (1:59)




Video Quotes




“ Synodality is a call to be transformed by Christ and walk together ”



“ Synodality is about listening for the God who speak to us and to one another through Scripture ”



“It is important that I equip myself with the generosity and humility to listen to others and learn from others.”



“ We collectively pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is asking of us today ”

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

Reading from Church Teaching – Lumen Gentium 12

The holy people of God shares also in Christ’s prophetic office; it spreads abroad a living witness to Him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise, the tribute of lips which give praise to His name. The entire body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the Holy One, cannot err in matters of belief. They manifest this special property by means of the whole peoples’ supernatural discernment in matters of faith when “from the Bishops down to the last of the lay faithful” they show universal agreement in matters of faith and morals. That discernment in matters of faith is aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth. Through it, the people of God adheres unwaveringly to the faith given once and for all to the saints, penetrates it more deeply with right thinking, and applies it more fully in its life.

Pair Group Exercise – 30 min

(Participants are invited to discuss the following questions in pairs and then as a large group)

In the video, *Fr. Michael Rossman SJ* states, “The Church is not a democracy nor is it a monarchy”

Instead, *Lumen Gentium* presents a vision of the People of God as sharers in the prophetic office of Christ engaged in discernment together “from the bishops to the last of the lay faithful.”

Working as a group, create two tables with two columns each labelled as follows:

- How is the church like a monarchy? How is the church not like a monarchy?
- How is the church like a democracy? How is the church not like a democracy?

Provide an opportunity for conversation in pairs around these questions, then return to a large group to discuss and post responses in the tables.

Then in an open conversation, consider the following:

- If decisions in the church are not made by a majority rule (democracy) or by a single leader (monarchy), how are decisions best made and evaluated? How can we know that our decisions are following the will of God?

