

Week 8: Authority and Participation – December 19, 2021

Theme 8: Authority and Participation

A synodal church is a church of participation and co-responsibility



Mark 10,42-45

42 So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

- ∞ Do we have a common vision (goals, means, timeline?)
- ∞ How does our church community identify the goals to be pursued, how to achieve them and the steps to be taken?
- ∞ How is authority and governance exercised in our particular church (diocese)?
- ∞ Is teamwork and co-responsibility valued?
- ∞ How are evaluations done? And who does it?
- ∞ How are lay ministries and responsibility promoted?
- ∞ Have we had successful experiences of synodality in our community?
- ∞ How do synodal bodies function at the community level (liturgy committee, pastoral council, Fabrique council...)?

If you are interested in these questions, please send your answers by email to synode@diocesevalleyfield.org or give them to a responsible person in your parish who can forward them to me.

Thank you for your participation!

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