

Item	Description
No. 11	Regular local and regional ecclesial Assemblies
FD reference	107
Explanation <i>Restate the point in plain language a parishioner will understand on first reading. Avoid the words used in the original heading where a simpler word will do.</i>	Do we have and host regular pastoral councils assemblies at different level with contributions from other Churches and Christian Communion and other religions?
What the Final Document says <i>Three to five sentences drawn from the cited FD paragraphs. Explain the idea; do not reproduce long extracts.</i>	The Assembly highlighted positive reform experiences, emphasizing the creation of interconnected pastoral council networks spanning from local communities to diocesan levels. It also recommended hosting regular ecclesial gatherings that actively welcome dialogue and insights from other Christian communions and regional religious groups.
Terms to explain <i>Explain any terms a parishioner may not know with a one-liner</i>	Network – various connected groups to collaborate, coordinate and share resources and best practices Ecclesial assemblies - a structured, multi-stage/level evaluation and discernment process
Sample answers <i>Provide sample answers as prompts in case (but let the discussion flow first)</i>	What has been lived: Annual Vicariate PPC assembly Surprises, gratitude and Scripture that illuminated the journey: Discovery of talented people. Mt 7:7 Ask, and it will be given Difficulties, obstacles and questions that remain open: Getting participation and non-active parishioner and outsider into our assemblies Voices from the margins or things only just beginning to emerge: We are not being synodal and inclusive enough!



Item	Description
No. 12	Promotion of the diocesan Synod and the eparchial Assembly
FD reference	108
Explanation <i>Restate the point in plain language a parishioner will understand on first reading. Avoid the words used in the original heading where a simpler word will do.</i>	Do we hold regular Synod Assembly to promote engagement and sharing of views between the People of God and the Bishop? It is important to realize that it is not just one person view that drive the life and mission of the Church. We need to practice discernment and conversation of the Spirit to listen to what the Spirit is calling the Church to do.
What the Final Document says <i>Three to five sentences drawn from the cited FD paragraphs. Explain the idea; do not reproduce long extracts.</i>	The Assembly proposes that diocesan Synods and eparchial Assemblies meet regularly as central bodies for prayer, discernment, and consultation between the Bishop and the local community. Additionally, these meetings should serve as platforms for accountability, where the Bishop presents reports on pastoral plans, safeguarding efforts, and financial administration.
Terms to explain <i>Explain any terms a parishioner may not know with a one-liner</i>	Canonical provisions – official rules and terms set by the Canon Law
Sample answers <i>Provide sample answers as prompts in case (but let the discussion flow first)</i>	What has been lived: Annual PPC assembly Surprises, gratitude and Scripture that illuminated the journey: Isa 55:8 My thoughts are not your thoughts Difficulties, obstacles and questions that remain open: Listening and discernment of the Spirit. Voices from the margins or things only just beginning to emerge: PPC and Vicariate PPC need to meet regularly to listen and discern.

Item	Description
No. 13	Liturgy lived in a synodal way
FD reference	27
Explanation <i>Restate the point in plain language a parishioner will understand on first reading. Avoid the words used in the original heading where a simpler word will do.</i>	The link between liturgy and synodality needs to be deepened. How can we help the different Christian communities, in the diversity of their cultures and traditions, to celebrate our uniqueness that make visible the face of a synodal Church?
What the Final Document says <i>Three to five sentences drawn from the cited FD paragraphs. Explain the idea; do not reproduce long extracts.</i>	The provided text highlights a close connection between liturgical celebrations and synodal assemblies, explaining that both serve to manifest Christ's presence and listen to the Word of God through the Holy Spirit. To further integrate these two aspects, the document calls for a dedicated Study Group to explore ways to make liturgical celebrations more synodal, specifically focusing on preaching and the creation of catechetical resources.
Terms to explain <i>Explain any terms a parishioner may not know with a one-liner</i>	Eucharistic Assembly: The focus is on worship, prayer and Holy Communion. Synodal Assembly: The focus is on discussion, listening and decision-making. Synaxis – means "gathering" or "coming together" Synodos – means "journeying together"
Sample answers <i>Provide sample answers as prompts in case (but let the discussion flow first)</i>	What has been lived: We celebrate Mass mainly in one language but use hymns in different languages. We also celebrate significant cultural event like Gawai, Chinese New Year, Adau Gayoh. Surprises, gratitude and Scripture that illuminated the journey: Some people who rarely attend Mass are slowly coming back through parish celebrations and activities. Php 2:1-2 Complete my job by being of the same mind, having the same love Difficulties, obstacles and questions that remain open: Forming a combined choir. Voices from the margins or things only just beginning to emerge: There is a growing desire to make the liturgy more welcoming and meaningful for everyone.

107. The Assembly paid special attention to best practices and positive experiences of reform. These include creating networks of pastoral councils within communities, parishes, pastoral areas, and among diocesan pastoral councils. The regular hosting of ecclesial assemblies at all levels is also encouraged. Without limiting consultation to members of the Catholic Church, these gatherings should be open to listening to the contributions from other Churches and Christian Communions. Attention should also be paid to other religions in the territory.

108. The Assembly proposes that the diocesan Synod and eparchial Assembly be more highly valued as bodies for regular consultation between the Bishop and the portion of the People of God entrusted to him. This should be the place for listening, prayer and discernment, particularly when it comes to choices pertaining to the life and mission of a local Church. Moreover, the diocesan Synod may provide scope for the exercise of accountability and evaluation whereby the Bishop gives an account of pastoral activity in various areas: the implementation of a diocesan pastoral plan, reception of the synodal processes of the entire Church, initiatives in safeguarding and the administration of finances and temporal goods. It is, therefore, necessary to strengthen the existing canonical provisions in order to better reflect the missionary synodal character of each local Church, making provision that these bodies meet on a regular, and not rare or infrequent, basis.

27. There is a close link between synaxis and synodos, between the Eucharistic assembly and the synodal assembly. In both cases, albeit in different forms, Jesus' promise to be present where two or three are gathered in His name is fulfilled (cf. Mt 18:20). Synodal assemblies are events that celebrate the union of Christ with His Church through the action of the Spirit. It is the Spirit who ensures the unity of the ecclesial body of Christ in the Eucharistic assembly as well as in the synodal assembly. The liturgy is a listening to the Word of God and a response to His covenantal initiative. Similarly, the synodal assembly is a listening to this same Word, which resounds as much in the signs of the times as in the hearts of the faithful, and also a response of the assembly that is discerning God's will in order to put it into practice. Deepening the link between liturgy and synodality will help all Christian communities, in the diversity of their cultures and traditions, to adopt celebratory styles that make visible the face of a synodal Church. To this end, we call for the establishment of a specific Study Group which would be entrusted with reflection on how to make liturgical celebrations more an expression of synodality. It could also consider the topic of preaching within liturgical celebrations as well as the development of catechetical resources on synodality from a mystagogical perspective.