

Vademecum
For the Synod on Synodality
Reflection Questions for St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Boston

Pope Francis is calling the Universal Church to walk together with the Holy Spirit and with the entire family of humanity to speak and listen, to reflect and grow as the Children of God. This entire enterprise is being entrusted to the Holy Spirit to open the hearts and minds of all people.

Therefore, as you read and reflect upon the document and these few questions, please begin with the prayer of the Synod.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

Your lived experience in

St. Katharine Drexel Parish

1. What empowers us, parishioners of St. Katharine Drexel, a Black Catholic Community, to speak up courageously, candidly, and responsibly? When and how do we manage to say what is important to us? You are invited to speak with courage, freedom, truth, and charity.
2. How is “journeying together” (your lived experience) happening today in St. Katharine Drexel Parish? The Spirit is inviting/asking us, parishioners of a Black Catholic Community, to consider which possibilities/actions in order to strengthen our “journeying together”?

Our lived experience as a parish

in the Archdiocese of Boston

3. What enables or hinders us, St. Katharine Drexel Parish, a Black Catholic Community, to speak up courageously, candidly, and responsibly? When and how do we manage to say what is important to us? We are invited to speak with courage, freedom, truth, and charity.
4. How is “journeying together” (our lived experience as a parish) happening today in the Archdiocese of Boston? The Spirit is inviting/asking us, as a parish within the Archdiocese, to consider which possibilities/actions in order to strengthen our “journeying together”?