



Updates on the Synod

The Synod on Synodality continues. You may be asking what impact it has on us as consecrated religious and what impact do woman religious have on the synodal process.

Pope Francis invited the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission. By journeying together and

reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her "to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission." This theme is very consistent with our IHM Convocation implementation themes.

In a significant move towards shaping the future of the Catholic Church, the **International Union of Superiors General (UISG)** and the **Union of Superiors General (USG)** have released their 2024 contribution to the ongoing discussion on "*How To Be A Church In Mission?*" This collaborative effort on behalf of consecrated religious responds to questions posed by the General Secretariat of the Synod. **The synthesis is worth reading:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11UX6EP5lh6lPoldhdGbeV7KzwiaLTYen>

Here are other Synod resources:

Official Website of the Synod on Synodality: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Instrumentum Laboris for the second session of the Synod 2024:

<https://www.uisg.org/en/news/Instrumentum-Laboris-for-the-second-session-of-the-Synod-2024/>

Opportunities for Learning and Participation

Conversations on the Synodal Assembly 2024: This series of meetings hosted by the International Union of Superiors General (IUSG), offers an important opportunity to deepen and reflect together on fundamental issues concerning consecrated life and the synodal path of the Church. The UISG continues its journey towards synodality and invites all superior generals and sisters from around the world to participate. The meetings will include moments of dialogue and discussion to give voice to all participants and to build together a more aware and participatory future.

Dates: **September 9, 17, and 26**

Time: **8:30 AM – 10:30 AM ET** (2.30 PM to 4.30 PM Rome time)

Format: **In-person at UISG headquarters and online via Zoom**

Languages: **Italian, French, English, and Spanish**

Registration Link: https://uisg.net/Conversations_Synod_2024

Justice Conference of Women Religious (JCWR) Join justice promoters, sisters, and associates in mission for a 75-minute session on the UISG-USG report, JPIC (Justice, Peace and integrity of Creation) themes, and next steps we might take individually, congregationally, and collectively. Two options (content repeated, register for ONE):

Session I

Date: **September 11 @ 3:00 -4:15 PM ET**

Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsdeqhpjgsE9MME2dQRWk2HhVPWfqs_mA#/registration

Session II

Date: **Sept. 19: 12:00 -1:15 PM ET**

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkfuytrDorEtL-eouunm6JZs1-rMloWmB9#/registration>