



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Synodal Journey

As you may know Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to take part in a Synodal Journey. The term "Synod" is derived from a Greek word meaning journeying together. The Pope is inviting us to recognise that the whole Church is on a journey together until the Lord comes again.

At this time, we are asked to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to one another so that we can discern what God is asking of his Church as we journey together into the future. This prayerful listening exercise is an invitation for people to come together to reflect on the life of the Church under three key headings:

- Communion – the life of faith we share together as God's Holy People, what it means to be part of the Church.
- Participation – the way in which we actively take part in the life of the Church.
- Mission – the way in which the Church makes Christ present and brings the Good News to others.

Everybody has a part to play and as schools are a very important part of the life of the Church, it is essential that we contribute to this Synodal journey. Archbishop Bernard would like us to bring together groups of people to reflect on these matters.

In schools we are working with groups of children to capture their responses and, as families and parent's views and responses are equally valued, we would like to invite our school community to a coffee afternoon on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm (at The Avenue Site). This will provide an opportunity to unite our families and create time to share, reflect and contribute your responses. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

If you are able to attend please return the reply slip below on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rigby  
Principal

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## Synodal Journey Coffee Morning– Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

I \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the Synodal Journey Coffee afternoon on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2pm (at The Avenue Site).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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