



SYNODALITY & NONVIOLENCE

Catholic Nonviolence Initiative Fall Series 2024

Join us as we bring together students from Catholic Universities across the U.S and around the world for conversations and reflections on intersection of nonviolence and Synodality.

Featured Speakers

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Wyatt Olivas

Synod delegate,
Student, University of Wyoming



Sr. Filo Hirota

Member, Preparatory commission
for the XVI Ordinary General
Assembly of the Synod of Bishops



Kevin Ahern

Theological Ethicist & Public Theologian
Professor of Religious Studies, Manhattan
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Charlene Howard

Executive Director, Pax Christi USA



Eli McCarthy

Professor, Georgetown University
Just Peace Fellow, Franciscan
Action Network



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Sept 16 | 7-8:30 PM ET *Synodality 101: An Overview*



What is unique about this Synod on Synodality? Why did Pope Francis declare that synodality is what God expects of the Church in the 21st century? Come learn about the history of synods and implications for today from speakers involved in the planning and participation at the Synod on Synodality.

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Sept 23 | 7-9:00 PM ET *A Listening Church: Listening, Discernment and Mission*



This session will explore the Conversations in the Spirit model, recognizing the influence and history of discernment, contemplative listening, nonviolent communication, and restorative justice circles that are present in the Synodal process. Participants will witness and/or participate in a Conversation in the Spirit as part of the evening program.

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Sept 30 | 7-8:30 PM ET *Synodality: Journeying Together towards a Nonviolent Church and World*



Participants will learn from the experiences of diverse global movements that have harnessed the same principles guiding the synodal process to drive social change and foster nonviolent solutions in their own contexts.

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Oct 7 | 7-8:30 PM ET



Living a Life of Synodality: Nonviolence in Action - Part 1

This session focuses on the practical applications of nonviolence and how they can effectively be integrated into our daily lives, as we seek to address key issues raised at the synod, including the complex question of legitimate self-defense in contemporary times.

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Oct 21 | 7-8:30 PM ET



Living a Life of Synodality: Nonviolence in Action -Part 2

In this session, speakers will draw connections between nonviolence as a collective way of life for a synodal people. They will share practical ways to integrating this theological framework in our lives and provide insights into Kingian nonviolence.

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Oct 28 | 7-8:30 PM ET



Students & Synodality: Where Can We Go from Here?

This session explores the pivotal role of students and young people in shaping the future of the Church. It will bring together students from the CENTERS (Catholic Education Network To Experience Rome and Synodality- 18 campuses who are engaging in the synodal process in curriculum and were in Rome) group to reflect on their first-hand experiences in Rome during the Synod and discuss next steps.

Thanks to all partners!

