



Introduction

During the initial steps of the Synod discussions, millions of people all over the world were involved in listening to each other with the goal of discerning what the future of the Church may be. We sincerely thank those who helped in our Glastonbury Abbey Synod listening sessions last year which resulted in a document capsulating our hopes and dreams (see attachment). Our document, along with hundreds of other contributing U.S. Synod committees, was sent along to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops and directly to Rome. Their compilation along with Canada's contribution became the foundation for the Continental Phase Draft Document. Here is the link to the full document. [Documento-Tappa-Continentale-EN.pdf \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/documento-tappa-continentale-en.pdf)

Although the Continental Phase Draft Document appears long it is a wonderful draft, and everyone is strongly encouraged to read the entire document for its clarity and richness. The accompanying PowerPoint is intended just to quickly highlight major portions and is in no way meant to be a substitute. Many of the ideas presented in our local document are those same ideas expressed in the Continental Draft. We were heard!

Because the Synod is an on-going process, The Institute at Glastonbury Abbey is presenting four sessions with Sr. Maureen Sullivan OP beginning in May 2023 and carrying through to 2024. In these sessions, Sr. Maureen will bring us through the Synod process with emphasis on the implications of synodality and Vatican II. Again, we encourage everyone, who wishes to more fully understand this process, to register for these sessions as well.

Sincerely,

The Synod Initiative at Glastonbury Abbey

