



# INTERACTING WITH THE GLOBAL CHURCH AT THE SYNOD

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025 | 7.30PM - 9PM

**Keynote Speaker:** **Dr Trudy Dantis**  
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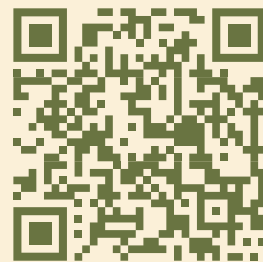
In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". He invited the entire Church to reflect on this theme that he saw as decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." The Synod, also known as the Synod on 'Synodality', was a three-year listening and discernment process that began in parishes and groups and progressed to discussions at the diocesan, national, continental, and global levels. In 2023 and 2024, two Synod Assemblies included the historic participation of 70 non-bishops (including deacons, priests, consecrated and lay men and women) with full voting rights. The *Final Document* was published on 26 October 2024,

with Pope Francis's approval, and the news that, in another unprecedented action, he would not write a post-synodal apostolic exhortation but would instead offer the *Final Document* to the entire Church to implement.

**Dr Trudy Dantis**, National Coordinator for the Synod in Australia, was active in Synodal consultations from the start and participated at all levels, eventually attending both Assemblies as a representative from the Oceania region. She reflects on the journey, providing insights into the consultative processes at each stage and sharing her experience at the global assemblies that assisted Church leaders in living communion, increasing participation, and preparing for ministry and mission in a synodal Church.



**Venue:** Holy Faith Hall,  
30 White Crescent, Campbell  
**Cost:** \$20  
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