

Preparing for our SLN Gathering

Walking with Jesus ~ Empowered by the Spirit

For our Gathering to be as fruitful as possible we invite you to spend time during the month of October preparing for it by listening and reflecting on messages we have received from some of our companions who have accompanied us since our *Journey of Discernment* in 2020. The messages have been recorded and grouped together into a series of four YouTube videos.

As is our practice at the beginning of each video we invite you to be still and listen to the *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus* [1] which invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be open to her promptings. After each message there will also be a period of silence to allow you to reflect on what was shared.

During the four Sundays of October - 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th - we will send out the link to the new messages.

Central to our Gathering is the input of all our members and we would very much welcome your feedback, even if you are not able to participate in the Gathering, your 'promptings of the Spirit' as you listened the messages are part of what the Spirit is saying to us all. To help collate, anonymously, these 'promptings' there will be a link to an online *Feedback Form* for that week.

We will also attach a transcript of each of the messages.

[1] ***Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus***

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636).

This version was especially composed by the Taizé Community, for '*Together | Gathering of the people of God*', the ecumenical prayer vigil that took place in St. Peter's Square, to entrust to the Spirit our Synodal Path.

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**