

# Unpacking the Synod on Synodality

## A Panel Discussion

Sunday, November 10, 2024

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

St. Michael's College School  
Centre for the Arts  
1515 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, ON, M5P 3H4

Join us for a panel discussion to help unpack the Synod on Synodality.

The three-year process of listening and dialogue, undertaken between 2021 and 2024 has garnered participation from Catholics worldwide.

Gatherings in Rome over the past three years have helped synthesize feedback and fostered dialogue with both lay, consecrated and ordained delegates representing the Church globally.

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Advanced registration is required.

### PANELISTS



Sr. Nathalie  
Becquart, XMCJ



Archbishop  
J. Michael Miller, CSB  
(joining virtually)



Dr. Moira  
McQueen



Sr. Gill  
Goulding, CJ



Moderated by:  
Dr. Josephine Lombardi



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

## ABOUT THE MODERATOR

**Dr. Josephine Lombardi**, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and an Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary. Author of *Marian Approaches to Synodality*.

## ABOUT THE PANELISTS

**Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ** serves as the Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod at the Vatican. As a Xavière sister from France, her mission has largely focused on youth and synodality. Prior to her current appointment in February 2021, she was National Director of the Service for the Evangelization of Young People and Vocations in France and did research in ecclesiology at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College.

**Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB** (joining virtually) chief shepherd of Vancouver's 400,000 Catholics since 2009. Archbishop Miller taught theology for many years in Houston, Mexico and Rome, is an expert on the petrine office and modern papal teaching, and a popular speaker at conferences around the world. He was chosen by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops as one of its four delegates to the 2023-2024 "Synod on Synodality."

**Dr. Moira McQueen, LL. B M.Div. Ph.D. DSL (Hon.)** taught moral theology and bioethics at St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, University of Toronto, from 1994 until 2022, and is the Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. She authored the award-winning book *Bioethics Matters* (re-published in a third edition in 2023) and *Walking Together: A Primer on the New Synodality*, in 2022. She was the Canadian lay representative at the Second Synod on Marriage and the Family, 2015 and was appointed by Pope Francis to serve on the International Theological Commission from 2014-2019.

**Sr. Gill Goulding CJ** is a Full Professor of Systematic Theology at Regis College at the University of Toronto and *professor Ordinarius* courtesy of the Dicastery for Education and Culture. Sr. Gill was appointed by Pope Benedict as a theological expert to the 2012 Synod on the New Evangelization and the Transmission of the Christian Faith. In 2021, she was appointed to the Theological Commission of the Secretariat of the Synod. She was involved in the work for the writing of the preparatory document, the *Vademecum* and the Document for the Continental Stage.



“It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium. This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s ‘renewal’ proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.”

-Pope Francis