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New Horizons:

A Peer-reviewed Graduate Journal

Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Volume 6 Issue 1: Whose Voice? Whose Church?

In October 2021, Pope Francis will open a synodal process marked by three phases: diocesan, continental, and universal. The structure of this synodal journey is emblematic of Francis's desire to encounter the periphery and to listen to the faithful, something at the core of the concept of synodality. Synodality, as defined by the International Theological Commission in 2018, is "the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God."

In Volume 6 Issue 1, *New Horizons* invites submissions on the themes of discernment, power, participation, and authority in the church. Whose voices are we listening to, and whose voices go unheard? Whose church is encountered, and whose church goes underrepresented? Where does the local position end, and where does the universal begin? What sources do the faithful draw on to define Christianity for themselves and for others? How do we discern together and with the Holy Spirit toward a more integrated and collaborative understanding of church?

The Journal invites pastoral, academic, and multimedia submissions that provide theological reflection on biblical, ecclesial, and moral authority and the ways that they might intersect with the following: feminist and womanist theology and ethics; Catholic Social Teaching; ecclesiology and Vatican II; prayer, pilgrimage, and missional spirituality; participation in the local parish; power analysis and liberation theology; migration, globalization, and nationalism; environmental ethics and care for the Earth; faith, politics, and the public square.

While these prompts are meant to guide submissions, they are not limiting in their scope. The Journal warmly invites any papers emerging from reflections on the themes of synodality.

Academic papers should be formatted according to the Chicago Manual of Style, 17th. Ed., and comprise between 2,000-4,000 words. Homilies and pastoral reflections are held to the same word count. Poetry, prayer, artwork, and photography are highly welcomed components of the journal.

Submissions should be uploaded by 5pm on November 1, 2021 to newhorizonsjst@scu.edu. Accepted submissions will be published in February 2022. Please email bkozee@scu.edu with any questions or inquiries.