



*First Day
October 29*

We let these words of Father Palau echo within us:

"I am a figure engraved on the understanding, representing the eternal beauty of God communicated to all the creatures who make up His Church, His chosen people." MR 4, 17

"I am the parish, I am the diocese, I am the city, I am the nation, I am the Roman Church." MR 9, 33

Scripture Text: John 17, 21- 23

May all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

We know that one of the riches of the Church is communion in the One and Triune God. This call to be one in God-Church-Neighbours, is nothing other than living in a synodal manner. It means valuing complementarity in diversity, being able to welcome and receive others, to promote and support others, to look upon others and see in them the figure of the Beloved.

For further reflection: Does my own journey reflect this call to be a Synodal Church?



**Let us call to mind
and heart: Pope
Francis, The
Church God and
Neighbour**

We pray together

"Oh Lord, I am not here as a private person, but on behalf of the people". Struggle 5,32

- Lord, we present to you the current synodal process: may it become a foundational experience in the encounter with Christ, where we all feel that we are part of the Church and responsible for what She is and does. **We pray to the Lord.**

"So believe in the Church, hear and listen attentively to her voice, when the Pope speaks as Pope, the Church is speaking, because he is speaking as Head of her body, and the Pope with Christ are one Head." MR 4,23

- We present to you, Lord, the shepherds of the Church: Pope Francis, the bishops and all those who have the mission of guiding your people: may they lead according to your law of love. **We pray to the Lord.**
- We pray for the Church in Europe to live in fidelity to the values of the Gospel, to be a light and guide for the men and women of our time and to recover credibility and moral authority based on the care and defense of life. **We pray to the Lord.**
- May that the Spirit of the Lord renew us within and help each one to walk this path with others. **We pray to the Lord.**

On this first day of the novena, we pray especially for the following communities and works of the Francisco Palau Province of Europe: Aitona, Community Francisco Palau; Amorebieta, Community and School Karmengo Ama; Amposta Community and School Sagrat Cor; Ávila Community Sta. Teresa; Barcelona Community Decor Carmeli and Community Nazaret; Callosa de Segura Community and School La Purísima; Crevillente, Community School Ntra. Sra. del Carmen; El Vendrell Community and School Sagrat Cor; Elche Community and School Ntra Sra. Del Carmen.



1. The Palautian Credo

In this day of the novena, let us ask for the intercession of Francisco Palau, that we may be women and men who walk in synodality, and having experienced walking with others in our lives, may we proclaim that same Love every day.

Father Palau Prayer

Almighty and merciful God and Father: we thank and bless you for instilling in the heart of Blessed Francisco Palau a singular love for the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, be revealing to him her beauty as illustrated in Mary, and inspiring him to serve her through prayer and apostolic activity. Grant us his prompt canonization in the Church and the special grace we are asking through his intercession. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

