

January 1, 2022

RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SYNOD

Dear Clergy, Parish Secretaries, Parish Synod Committees and Other Commissions/Groups:

THE EXTENDED TIMELINE for our consultation is as follows:

- 1 January 2022 - 31 March 2022 – Listening/Consultations
- 29 April 2022 – Pastoral Zone/Large Parish Synthesis Due - document attached
- Ending May 2022 (TBA) – Diocesan Event to Share and Discuss the Draft Diocesan Synthesis, to Celebrate the Process and Consider Next Steps.
- 17 June 2022 – Final Draft of Diocesan Synthesis Sent to the Western Canadian Bishops

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR USE:

Please find attached the following IMPORTANT documents for your use as you plan for the Synod Consultations in your parish and/or pastoral zone or with your other target groups. **Note that all of these documents are also available on the Synod Page of the Diocese website.**

- Liturgy (in English and in French) to begin Group Gathering Sessions.
- Small Group Participation Guide
- Paper Based Consultation Document (for delivery or mailing to homes or sharing with those who do not attend the group gatherings or participate in the on-line surveys or forums).
- Strategies For Listening Broadly
- Synthesis Document Information

You have also been provided with a number of posters to post widely! The QR-code on each sends participants to an on-line survey. Please put the posters up in your parish, bring and display at parish events (i.e., catechetical events with parents, adult faith gatherings, local ecumenical events, etc.), put up in community locations (i.e., coffee shop, rink, community bulletin boards, etc.), etc. Hopefully, this will help in our mission to listen broadly!

ON-LINE DIOCESAN LED FORUMS (Please note that the various sessions will focus on different topics): All sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. We welcome the participation of parish groups as well as individuals. Register at:

<https://www.padiocese.ca/synod2023>

- Jan 19th – Facilitators Training Session (for parish group meetings or zoom forums)
 - We are asking parishes and pastoral zones to send one-two facilitators to the training session. To register click on the following link [Facilitator Registration](#)
- January 26th – Christian Unity (Ecumenism)
- February 9th – Main Synod Questions (Belonging/Listening/Speaking Out)
- February 23rd – Celebration (The Mass, Prayer & Devotions (rosary, pilgrimages etc.))
- March 9th – Main Synod Questions (Belonging/Listening/Speaking Out)
- March 23rd – Missionary Disciples (Sharing Responsibility for Our Common Mission)

CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION NEEDED: [ACTION REQUIRED]

Please provide Name, email and phone number for the Synod Committee contact for each of your parishes to:

<mailto:synod@padiocese.ca>

Thank you for your participation in the Synod! Happy New Year!

Questions? Please e-mail: synod@padiocese.ca

Synod Implementation Planning Committee