



My Dear Parishioner,

Back in October 2021 our Holy Father, Pope Francis, initiated a two-year journey called “SYNOD FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH.” Thus, Bishop Knestout introduced the SYNOD to the Pastors thorough out the Dioceses. SYNOD is a Greek word that means “on the same path,” so the Holy Father has asked the Church to “journey together” on the same path in communion with one another.

Every Diocese/Parish has been asked to participate in this process, with particular focus on the local level. Bishop Knestout is asking Parishes to have dialogue with it’s parishioners, so that existing, newcomers and marginalized are given a chance to be heard.

The SYNOD comprises of three (3) themes; Communion, Participation and Mission and Discussion and Dialouge. **Communion** draws us into discussion on what it means to journey together, listen to each other and celebrate together, rooted in the Holy Spirit and guided by courage and boldness to speak out to those whom we encounter. **Participation and Mission** calls on all members of the Church to participate in the Church’s salvific (leading to Salvation) mission, facing the reality that many people feel unprepared and ill equipped to live a life of public witness or to serve the Church in leadership Roles.

Enclosed are questions that I would greatly appreciate you reviewing and then answering. There are no right answers. I know your time is precious and therefore I am asking for the questions to be returned to the Drop Box in the Commons by February 27th, 2022.

Thank you for your participation that will allow us to grow in our journeying together!

God Bless,

Fr. Steve