

**Please join us TUE MAR 8!!**



The Diocese of Rochester wants to hear your voice! **Please join the parish-wide session on TUE MAR 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30PM in Rooms-2-4** to express and share thoughts, concerns, or comments relative to our Church and we ask that you prayerfully reflect on what is important to you. All input is anonymous and will be incorporated in our diocesan submission to the Synod. **Kindly RSVP be calling the parish office at 392-2710 or be emailing either Dave Jones ([djones31@rochester.rr.com](mailto:djones31@rochester.rr.com)) or Jack Norris ([jnorris4@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jnorris4@rochester.rr.com))** from Parish Council.

There is also a 2<sup>nd</sup> session being planned for TUR MAR 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:30PM...additional details to follow.

As noted previously, there are 10 themes which have been suggested for us to consider with questions associated with each theme; you can find these themes along with other resources at [www.dor.org/synod](http://www.dor.org/synod). Themes 7 & 8 of 10 are listed below.

## **VII. WITH THE OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS:**

The dialogue between Christians of different denominations, united by one Baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.

*What relations do we have with the brothers and sisters of other Christian denominations? What areas do they concern?*

*What fruits have we drawn from this “journeying together”? What are the difficulties?*

## **VIII. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION:**

A synodal Church is a participatory and co-responsible Church.

*How do we identify the goals to be pursued, the way to achieve them, and the steps to be taken?*

*How is authority exercised within our particular Church? What are the practices of teamwork and co-responsibility?*

*How are lay ministries and the assumption of responsibility by the Faithful promoted? How do synodal bodies function at the level of the particular Church?*

*Are they a fruitful experience? What understanding is there of the mission of the bishops, the successors to the Holy Apostles*

## **Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus**

*Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal)*

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636).

As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

*“We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.”*

*Amen.*