

Final SYNOD Session TUE MAR 22!!



The final SYNOD listening session is being planned for TUE MAR 22nd 7:00-8:30PM in RM 2-4.

SYNOD is a Greek word (*synodos*) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up SYNOD are *syn* meaning together and *hados* meaning way or journey.

We are ***asking that you reach out to a family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker who is not currently a parishioner here at St. Leo and who may be no longer be a practicing Catholic and gently encourage them to join us.*** We as a parish community and church really want to hear from them as we explore some of the ten (10) themes and guiding questions (please visit www.dor.org/synod to see complete list as well as additional SYNOD resources).

This session is also a parish-wide invitation to anyone who would like to share their thoughts, visions and dreams as we hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and let it be our guide regarding the future of the Church.

“The purpose of the Synod is “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, and give strength to our hands” Do you have a loved one who is no longer a practicing Catholic, especially within our Diocese? We want to hear from them, too! Gently encourage them to take a few minutes to answer some of these questions with you, on our website, or to join one of our upcoming Synod Listening Sessions to dream with us about the Church we are called to be. Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together!” **-Pope Francis**

Themes 9 & 10:

IX. DISCERNING AND DECIDING:

In a synodal style, decisions are made through discernment, based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Spirit.

By what procedures and methods do we discern together and make decisions?

How can they be improved? How do we promote participation in decision[1]making within hierarchically structured communities?

How do we articulate the consultative phase with the deliberative one, the process of decision-making with the moment of decision-taking?

How and with what tools do we promote transparency and accountability?

X. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY:

The spirituality of journeying together is called to become an educational principle for the formation of the human person and of the Christian, of the families, and of the communities.

How do we form people, especially those who hold roles of responsibility within the Christian community, to make them more capable of “journeying together,” listening to one another and engaging in dialogue?

What formation do we offer for discernment and the exercise of authority?

What tools help us to read the dynamics of the culture in which we are immersed and their impact upon the mission of the Church, called in existence by Christ?

For additional information or to answer any questions, please contact the parish office at 392-2710 or contact either Dave Jones (djones31@rochester.rr.com...392-5087) or Jack Norris (jnorris4@rochester.rr.com....613-5879) directly from Parish Council.

SYNOD Prayer

“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.