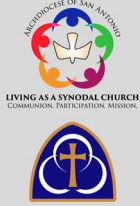


Synodality Update



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As you may remember, Pope Francis invited us last year to begin a journey of reflection in a particular aspect of the Church, which has been named Synodality. Such qualification refers to walking together as a People of God to discover God's path in our lives as individuals, and particular, as a faith community -both, as a Parish, and as Catholic Church as a whole-. The process would consist, first, of group gatherings or similar opportunities to share openly our thoughts about the path our Church is taking, whether all together or individually online. Then, a summary would be drafted and sent, to the level of the Archdiocese, which in turn, draw up a general Archdiocesan summary, which then, it would become part of a national summary, to move up to a Continental one, and then a global one. In all, therefore, there is a parochial phase, a diocesan phase, a continental phase and a universal phase. All this material will be drafted as a working document for the Synod of Bishops in 2023 regarding Synodality.

Now, I am happy to share the findings of our Parish, Holy Trinity. I can honestly say that in practically every aspect mentioned in our Synodality meetings, our Parish is already working and making progress. There is a general feeling that the Synodality journey is an opportunity for everyone to come together despite the setbacks because of the pandemic. We are making headway to streamline the rules or regulations that are set forth and to help everyone understand the meaning behind them. The Archdiocese has also gathered its findings and will be also working in what is necessary to grow, improve and serve (you can find a summary in English https://www.archsa.org/images/uploads/AoSA-Summary_EN.pdf and in Spanish https://www.archsa.org/images/uploads/AoSA-Summary_ES.pdf regarding the conclusions).

At this time at the Parish level, there is a lot of options and activities to choose from to come together in prayer, catechesis, liturgy and fellowship. We will continue to work on this and we will develop, particularly more fellowship and outreach opportunities in order to continue nurturing Parish life and missionary spirit, such as, Ministry Fairs, Parish Missions, Parish Festival, Town Halls, etc. We have begun our efforts to pay more attention and care for our growing group of teens and young adults. We are doing a lot and we can still do a lot more; no doubt. I am recognizant of the tireless effort, generosity and effort of everyone at the Parish, particularly, Fr. Ed our Parish Vicar, our Deacons, our Staff, our Ministry Leaders and all our volunteers.

As we have concluded this effort, we realize that we are indeed a vibrant Parish and which must pray and be constant at corresponding to the good Lord goodness given to us. We are thankful and we are thoughtful.

I am happy to announce now that as much as we have reflected on Synodality, our focus this year to reflect synodally will be on the Eucharist as the Celebration of the Faithful, and as the Presence of the Risen Lord in order to renew our faith in such a great and central mystery of our faith. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to enlighten our path and help us listen to His voice as one community in Christ's Body.

Your brother and servant in the priesthood of Jesus Christ,

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