

St. John's, Wahpeton, Feb 8, 6:30 pm, we get to meet w/Bishop Folda to pray about and discuss his 3 questions: What are the things that are working well at your parish/diocese?

What are the challenges to address in your parish/diocese?

What is one step I might be called to take to respond?



Continuing the article we began last wk by Cardinal McElroy, he shares some very instructive words about possibilities the global Church is considering regarding **Women in the Life of the Church**.

“In every region of our world, the Synod preparations have given sustained attention to the structures and cultures that exclude or diminish women within the life of the Church. From the Holy Land we heard this report: ‘In a Church where almost all decision-makers are men, there are few spaces where women can make their voices heard. Yet they are the backbone of church communities.’

“The synodal dialogues have reflected widespread support for eliminating rules and arbitrary actions that exclude women from many roles of ministry, administration and pastoral leadership, as well as for admitting women to the permanent diaconate.

“One productive pathway for the Church’s response to these synodal dialogues would be to adopt the stance that we should admit, invite and actively engage women in every element of the life of the Church that is not doctrinally precluded.

“This means, first of all, eliminating those barriers to women that have been erected at all levels in the Church’s life and ministry not because of law or theology, but because of custom, clericalism, bigotry or personal opposition.

“Second, the call for inclusion challenges the Church to examine with care the legal barriers to women’s leadership in the life of the Church. This re-examination should also include questions such as the legal limitations on laity in diocesan leadership as well as the nature of jurisdiction in a parish, which presently prohibits any layperson from being the administrator of a parish community.

“The proposal to ordain women to the permanent diaconate had widespread support in the global dialogues. While there is historical debate about precisely how women carried out a quasi-diaconal ministry in the life of the early church, the theological examination of this issue tends to support the conclusion that the ordination of women to the diaconate is not doctrinally precluded. Thus, the Church should move toward admitting women to the diaconate, not only for reasons of inclusion but because women permanent deacons could provide critically important ministries, talents and perspectives—as the bishops of the Amazon region prayerfully discerned during their Synod in 2019.

The 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.



St Mary Magdalen Court 117 will be holding a “SOUP”ER BOWL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE, Feb 12, Sts Peter & Paul’s Catholic Church. Please donate cans or dried soup, non-perishable food items or cash. 1891 Financial Life (Life Insurance, Annuities, Member Benefits) will match up to \$1,500.00 of funds raised.

WINNERS of the January 150 Club Drawing: Renee Griffith; Alan Spelhang; Greg

Heitkamp THE 150 CLUB supports the work of St. Anthony’s cemetery. Those interested in re-newing or becoming new members contact Anita Onchuck, 701-640-4320.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB 5, STS PE & PL, TODAY, PANCAKE SAUSAGE BREAKFAST, KENNY MAUCH’S SECRET RECIPE, FREE-WILL OFFERING.

FEB 8, LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP FOLDA, WAHPETON

FEB 12, STS PE & PL, ‘SOUP’ER BOWL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

FEB 22, ASH WEDNESDAY

FEB 25-26, WELCOME, WOMEN’S WKEND RETREAT, ST JN’S WAHPETON

MAR 11-12, WELCOME, MEN’S WKEND RETREAT, ST JN’S WAHPETON

MAR 17-19, ECCLESIA DOMESTICA MEN’S RETREAT, HANKINSON

Keeping God’s House Beautiful February

Sts PP: *Barb Severson, Sue Mauch, Tammi Althoff, Vanessa Haberman, Jeanne Lugert .

St A: Yvonne Ward *Alexis Peltier, Aimee Flaa, Ronna Althoff, Kari Callenius, Lisa Mauch

THIS WEEK’S CELEBRATIONS:

David Severson
Bentlee Erbes
Camden Fobb



Eucharistic Adoration this wk, St. John’s w/B.Folda Adoration

