



ST. PATRICK CHURCH  
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## Special Synod Update

### Dear St. Pat's parishioners:

Following our recent synod, created as a response to a letter from the Archdiocese prompting us to increase our "vitality" in five specific areas (i.e. Financial Stability, Facility Utilization, Celebration of Sacraments, Mass Attendance, and Culture of Encounter), the facilitators of that synod met via Zoom to discuss ideas generated during the synod and to formulate an action plan based on participant input.

We agreed that while productivity during the synod was high, with many truly thoughtful and potent ideas recorded, the actual time for interacting was limited. Therefore, we are seeking further input before we move forward to consider specific action steps towards increasing our vitality.

Each facilitator has reviewed the notes taken during their synod sessions, with particular focus on recommended actions for consideration in our 2021 Strategic Pastoral Plan. To review these reports click on this link: [All Synod Reports](#). Whether you participated in the synod or not, we are asking you to read through the notes from sessions you have interest in and ask yourself if you feel the need to further clarify the recommendations already listed. Are there any other actions that come to mind that you would like to propose?

If so, please email your additional input for session recommendations directly to the appropriate facilitator no later than **January 15**.

To send us your response, please click on the live email link in the table below and add your input to an email, then hit "send" to the appropriate facilitator. If you have any general comments, please share them with Sandi Tennyson at [sandiandbrian@msn.com](mailto:sandiandbrian@msn.com).

Collectively, we facilitators were humbled by the compassionate character of those in attendance. We are so proud and encouraged to be members of a community of people who already engage those in need with many regular acts of loving service in both organized and spontaneous ways. St. Pat's is a place where we embrace the words of social activist Lilla Watson who said: *"If you have come here to help me you are wasting your time, but if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."* In documents like *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis calls us to be people of courage; people who move past fear toward loving relationships with all people. Amongst many things we facilitators learned during the synod, one thing stood out...our St. Pat's

parish community is formidable, fired up, and experienced in creating community with our neighbors in need! Let us persist to walk together and work together in and through the Spirit that guides us to create a just loving world. Thank you for all you do!

Blessings,  
**Your Synod Team**

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