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MEMORANDUM

To:

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and Diocesan Staff

From:

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Re:

Synod Binder Updates

Below is a list of the updates to 2016 Synod Binder, with a general explanation. The old pages should be removed and shredded. As a reminder, the latest version of the Synod Statutes and Appendices is always found on the Diocesan Website.

The changes are as follows:

1. Page 4:

Various spelling and wording corrections to Appendices Index Page

2. Page 32:

Edit of Synod statute 111 §2. (reference to Appendix 15) added.

3. Appendix 15:

New directives regarding Mass offered Ad orientem.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

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