



## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

February 22, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Bishops which will take place in Rome in 2023 on the theme of ***Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission***. Synodality is all about how we walk together in faith and live as the People of God at this moment on our faith journey.

As preparation for the Synod, Pope Francis has invited all members of the Church and, in fact, the whole world, to share their experience of listening to God's voice. Everyone is invited to share their experience of faith and thoughts on how we can move forward together to carry out the Mission of Christ, entrusted to us in Baptism.

I invite everyone in the Diocese of Hamilton to participate in this preparation process. It is important that all voices be heard. Therefore, I am asking pastors and parishioners to gather, to the extent possible given the current Covid protocols, to discuss and respond to a series of proposed questions. These questions are found in the leaflet which is in today's bulletin (or at the entrance of the church). If you are not able to gather, you may respond individually to the questions by completing the printed form and return it to your Parish by March 28, 2022. You may also respond to the questions electronically by going on-line to <http://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/>.

This invitation of Pope Francis to "let your voice be heard" is an extraordinary opportunity for all of us to discover how the Holy Spirit is speaking in the Church today. I pray that all of us will experience personally the blessings of this Synod process.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate

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