

# St. Peter Catholic Church Parish

## Synod Update #3

### April 2018

Last month Archbishop Aymond met with the Parish Implementation Coordinators, as well as some of the pastors, to address the vision of the 9<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Synod. His remarks were excellent, and I felt that they would help all of us better understand the Synod, so I have summarized his remarks from my notes, and I will share them here. His remarks were fashioned around a series of commonly asked questions about the Synod. Please prayerfully read the Archbishop's comments.

#### **Summary of Archbishop Aymond's Remarks on the Implementation of the Synod.**

##### **How can we best implement the Synod?**

To implement the Synod we must be a people of prayer. The implementation of the Synod will be guided by the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide this work in our Archdiocese and our parishes.

##### **Why are we doing this?**

The purpose of the Synod is for us to grow in ministry. We would like to grow as a Church. The Synod is a time for renewal. Through the Synod we are called to grow and to change; to become a stronger Church.

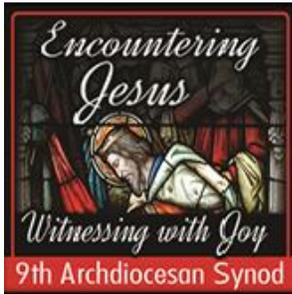
##### **What exactly are we trying to do?**

We have five goals:

- (1) Forming worshipping communities that are welcoming and have a sense of unity;
- (2) Inviting people to grow in their relationship with Christ;
- (3) Providing support for families, youth (teenagers) and young adults;
- (4) Preparing lay leadership in our Church;
- (5) Being a witness for Catholic social teaching, not just being a voice for it.

##### **How did all of this come about?**

The Synod is the result of input given at 15 listening sessions held throughout the Archdiocese. 5,000 people participated in these sessions. The goals are the things that the people said they wanted. This was a bottom-up process, not a top-down one.



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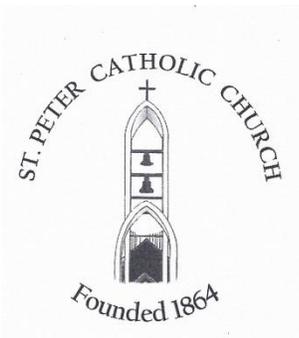
#### How will the Synod be implemented in the parishes?

One size does not fit all. All parishes are expected to participate, but each parish is different, so the implementation will differ from parish to parish. The spirit of the Synod should be implemented in all parishes, but how it is done will be unique to each parish. Many factors will affect implementation in the parishes, including the needs of the parish, the size of the parish, and the direction of the pastor. Small parishes may work together to do some things. There are no benchmarks or deadlines for the parishes to do certain things. If all parishes implement the Synod in the next five years we will be a much stronger Church.

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### St. Peter Church Synod Ministry Leaders

If you would like to help with any of our Synod activities, please contact one of the coordinators listed below. Thank you for your help!



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