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Instructions

To best participate in the Synod process as a group, follow these instructions.

1. Read though the contents of this packet before beginning.
2. After reading through the packet pray for guidance as you begin the discussion process.
3. Appoint someone to take notes of the discussion.
4. Read each question carefully, one at a time, praying and reflecting on it before you answer.
5. Discuss your answers with the group and come up with main points from your answers and discussion.
6. When you have finished answering and discussing the questions, gather the main points discussed with each answer and the notes taken and submit answers to <https://bit.ly/DioceseFairbanksSodalityForm> or by email to sodality@cbna.org by December 1, 2021
7. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for having done your part in the process.



Prayers Before Reflection

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

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.

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

O Glorious St. Therese,
whom Almighty God has raised up to aid
and inspire the human family,
I implore your Miraculous Intercession.

You are so powerful in obtaining every need
of body and spirit from the Heart of God.
Holy Mother Church proclaims you “Prodigy of
Miracles...
the greatest saint of Modern Times.”

Now I fervently beseech you to answer my
petition
(mention in silence here)
and to carry out your promises of
sending heaven doing good on earth...
of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.

Little Flower, give me your childlike faith,
to see the Face of God
in the people and experiences of my life,
and to love God with full confidence.

St. Therese, my Carmelite Sister,
I will fulfill your plea “to be made known
everywhere”
and I will continue to lead others to Jesus
through you. Amen



Prayer to St. Kateri

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,

our elder sister in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us.

May your love for Jesus and Mary inspire in us words and deeds of friendship, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Pray that God will give us the courage, the boldness, and the strength
to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations.

Help us, as you did, to encounter the Creator God
present in the very depths of nature, and so become witnesses of Life. With you, we praise the Father, the
Son, and the Spirit. Amen.

Scriptures For Reflection

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6,12
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ... As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.
- John 6:48-51
"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven: whoever eats this bread will live forever. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
- Matthew 25:31-40
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"



Questions

- 1. We are being called to become a church where everyone is journeying together, meaning we listen to one another, plan together, and work together. How is this happening already in our church? How can we do better?**
- 2. What would make your experience of your local church community better?**
- 3. Jesus Christ calls us, the church, to live out the Good News (Gospel) by showing God's love to all people. How are we doing this in our community? How are we failing to do this in our community? What might be keeping us from this mission?**
- 4. What are ways your local church allows for you to participate? Do you participate, if yes, how and why? If no, what are some ways you'd like to participate and why?**
- 5. To "journey together" in our church communities requires some change from the way we now do things...some new learnings...and on-going learning. Are we ready to do this? What will help us do this?**
- 6. As we ask the Holy Spirit to help us in our praying, reflecting, and discussing, is there anything else you feel called to share that might help us to journey together as church?**



Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in this process. By participating, you are taking part in a long-standing tradition within the Catholic Church. Just as the early Church could not grow without the voices of the faithful, so too is it true that today that same Church cannot grow without the voices of the faithful. Your contribution to this process, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is crucial in this journeying together. We encourage you to keep your heart and mind open to whatever direction the Holy Spirit leads the Church as this journey continues through the different levels. Your willingness to say “yes” to Christ in this time of prayer does not go unnoticed. Thank you for trusting the Holy Spirit and the Church to listen to your voice. May the Holy Spirit continue to burn with great fervor within your heart as we continue this journey together.

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