

A Letter from Fr. Patrick
Synod Response
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I would like to thank everyone who took part in our new synod experience. Responding to the call of Pope Francis and under the leadership of Bishop McClory, this has been a movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst. In today's first reading, we remember the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Now, the same Spirit is actively working amongst us. Through your voice, we have discerned three goals in response to the synod:

Goal #1 - Each parish ministry operates through the lens of missionary discipleship.

Goal #2 - Establish an atmosphere of missionary discipleship, driving all that we do as a parish.

Goal #3 - Embrace missionary discipleship as a personal calling to share Christ to the world.

Being a missionary disciple is the base of what being Catholic is about. It is not optional, but the way of our faith. While the task might seem daunting, we can rest assured that the Holy Spirit will be our guide.

Over the next couple weeks, we will be developing an action plan on how we will carry out these three goals. This plan will be submitted to our bishop and guide our parish going forward. To get an idea of what this plan will look like, I would highly encourage reading Bishop McClory's Abridged Pastoral Letter. This very short read will give you a better idea of what missionary discipleship is all about. The bishops' abridged pastoral letter can be found on our website at holynamecl.org/synod.

This holy task can only be done by walking together as a community. Thank you for everything you have done so far. May this be the continuation of a truly holy process.

Peace & Good!

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