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Pope Francis re: 16th Synod of Bishops:
“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”

Dear Pastors, Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon,

Further to the call by Pope Francis for all dioceses and Catholic communities throughout the world to participate in a special Synod, “For a Synodal Church,” I am pleased to outline the process that we will be following to participate in Phase I of the Synod process.

Following on the launch of the “Synod for a Synodal Church” on October 17, 2021 in our diocese during Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, in solidarity with similar celebrations in Rome and throughout the world, I am announcing that ***on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021, all parishes across the diocese of Saskatoon will celebrate Mass to initiate the Synod in our local faith communities, and to pray for its intention and blessing.***

I am also pleased to announce a special Online Synod Workshop via Zoom on December 1, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All pastors, clergy and religious, parish leaders, and anyone in the diocese interested to hear and discuss ways to undertake parish or group Synod consultations in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon are invited to participate in this online workshop. This will be a chance to hear more about the Synod and how it will unfold in our diocese, to ask questions, and to share ideas. Information about registration will follow shortly.

Pope Francis has highlighted the Synod’s three key words - Communion, Participation, and Mission. This synod process is to involve all the faithful of the local Churches and Catholic communities. It is a two-year process starting from October 2021, and continuing to October 2023.

Find out more about the Synod called for by Pope Francis: <https://rcdos.ca/synod>. Let us hold in prayer the Holy Spirit’s blessing on this important event and journey in the life of our Church.

Yours in Christ,

✠ Mark A. Hagemoen

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God’s love to all peoples.