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The SYNOD on SYNODALITY
For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

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

Further to the announcement regarding 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.

Firstly, I am pleased to report a wide-spread participation in the special Online Synod Workshop held via Zoom on December 1, 2021. We had well over 120 site participants at that meeting, in which was outlined the process that we would be following for participation in Phase 1 of the Synod process, and the feature elements of that process.

I am now contacting you to request that every Parish designate a Synod Coordinator. The role of the Synod Coordinator would be to receive the information on behalf of the parish, and to receive specific training in order to oversee the synod consultation process at the parish level. The coordinator will be responsible for collation of reports and submission to the diocese.

This request is also extended to other groups in our diocese who would like to carry out their own synod process. Various men's and women's movements, youth movements, and/or educational and health care organizations – may also wish to designate a Synod Coordinator to also receive training and support.

It would be appreciated if we could receive the name and contact information of the designated Parish/Group Synod Coordinator by December 23, 2021.

Links to submission of the Coordinator contact, training, resources, and more about the Synod called for by Pope Francis can be found on our website at <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