

# *BISHOP'S PRESENTATION*



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***OUR MISSION: TO PROCLAIM CHRIST  
AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY***

***“Have the same mind and heart  
as Christ Jesus” (see Phil. 2:5)***

# Key themes for Diocese; Pastoral Center

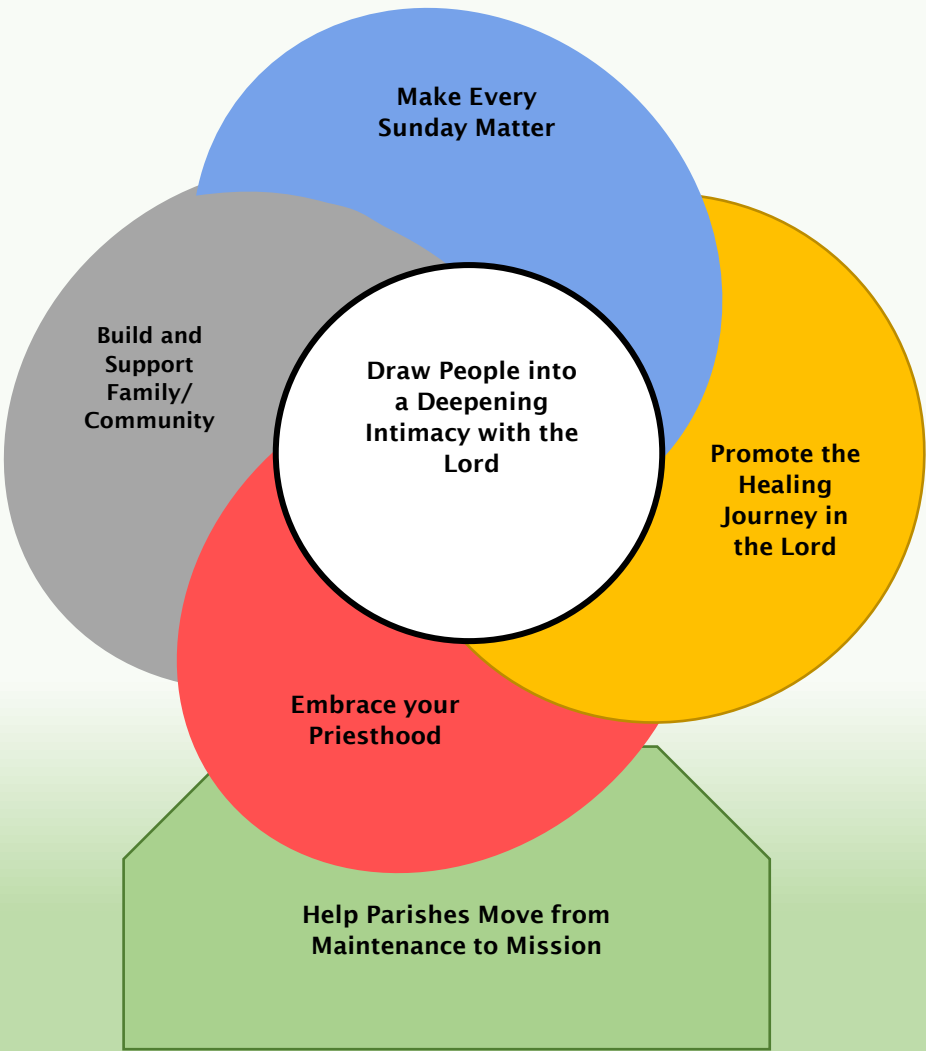
- Our universal call to mission
- Actively living out the Diocesan Pastoral Plan
- Believing that if we actively live out this plan, we can change the culture in our Diocese
- Making room for the Holy Spirit

# Key Events/ Developments in 2025:

- Widening World conflict/ declining state of respect and dialogue
  - Affecting Farmers
  - Affecting environments of learning
- Pope Francis to Pope Leo
- Heralding the Way of Peace: Pope Leo
- Experience of Jubilee Year: Celebrating 2 new young Saints:
  - Carlos Acutis,
  - Georgio Frasseti
- Synod on SYNODALITY



“PROCLAIM CHRIST



& GOD’S KINGDOM”

# GOAL 1

## **Draw People into a Deepening Intimacy with the Lord!**

### ***Supporting a deepening friendship and intimacy with Jesus Christ***

- Help people pray; and provide support and tools for growth in discipleship and holiness
- Provide regular opportunities for gathered prayer, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Implement and strengthen evangelization programs in parishes and schools, emphasizing the sacraments, the sacred scriptures, life in the Church, works of mercy
- Provide for more lay and clergy spiritual directors
- Provide retreats and workshops for men, women, and youth addressing the art of accompaniment, to deepen their relationship with Christ
- To promote understanding each other and growing in love for one another – *the synodal way*

# GOAL 2

## Make Every Sunday Matter

### *Sunday celebrations*

- Effective preaching, multi-faceted proclamation
- Beautiful music: promote through training, workshops, performances
- Excellent liturgy: *full and active participation!* (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium*: #14)
- Effective feedback from parishioners re: homily, preaching
- Hospitality and welcoming
  - Collect and share best practices re: hospitality, engagement
  - Sunday gathering as opportunity for sending, outreach
  - Sharing experiences, resources – *from the rural to the urban*
  - Focus on significant Sacrament 'celebrations', such as Baptisms; Funerals

# GOAL 3

## **“Embrace Your Priesthood”**

***Discerning God’s call to each person to share in the mission and life of the Lord***

- Provide vocations support for priesthood, religious life, marriage, lay ministry leadership and service
- Provide strong support for effective ecclesial lay ministry: lay catechetical support; sacramental preparation strategies
- Promote discipleship paths: Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO); FacetoFace Ministries; Madonna House Apostolate; NET Ministries; Pure Witness Ministries; St Therese Institute, etc.
- Provide academic, human and spiritual formation for candidates for the priesthood, permanent diaconate; religious life, lay ecclesial ministry
- Provide responsive marriage preparation and ongoing support
- Provide opportunities for adults to reflect on the vocation of the lay Catholic faithful in their roles in the market-place: professionals, business leaders, service providers

# GOAL 4

## **Build and Support Family and Community**

*Strengthening and supporting families and marriages, vocations support*

- Programs, initiatives for strengthening relationship among children, parents, grandparents
- Help parents and community members (schools, lay groups) address important relevant topics, including:
  - Children's Internet and technologies safety; Parenting in a digital age
  - Child and adolescent sexuality
- Establish programs and supports for crises: especially for persons dealing with separation or divorce

# GOAL 5

## **Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord**

***Healing, growth, serving, ongoing conversion***

- Promote and make available the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Promote “listening, caring, accompanying” to provide support for those struggling with emotional and mental health, addictions and/or grief recovery
- Provide healthy and safe church communities, free from trauma and abuse
- Promote network of local Catholic counsellors, Catholic health care providers
- Build the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of our communities
- Provide opportunities for women and men to recover from trauma and dysfunction
  - Healing opportunities addressing TRC Calls to Action, UNDRIP (*United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*)
  - Reverence for life initiatives (ex. *Rachel's Vineyard*)
  - Anger and grief
- Build awareness and relationship with Creation: foster Stewardship
- Address exploitative societal and cultural problems: ie, human trafficking

# GOAL 6

## Move from Maintenance to Mission

*Orienting our Parishes and Church Organizations from Bureaucracy to Pastoral Effectiveness*

- Training and support to Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils – *pastoral planning*
- Training and support to parish ministries: - children, youth, adults, seniors
- Addressing features of rural parishes/ communities; foster awareness of and relationship with Rural parishes
- Parish and Diocesan re-structuring as an experience of the *paschal mystery* (*New Pentecost* vs. dying & death)
- Support and develop parish employees and volunteers
- Best financial and administrative practices 'tool kit' for parishes

## Major Themes:

- 1) A biblical understanding of encountering the Lord and living the 'way' of the Gospel (vs 'fads', methods, mere programs.)
- 2) Developing GOVERNANCE in our parishes: appropriate practices, good communication: truly moving from *maintenance* to *mission*
- 3) Reflect and renew diocesan parish structures – many different experiences of relationship be: clergy and laity, esp. in rural SK
- 4) The churches relationship to secular authority; institutions; realities
- 5) Discovering, renewing the rich Sacrament of BAPTISM – all sharing in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
- 6) Celebrating well key occasions for connecting, supporting, 'evangelizing'

## Major Themes: (cont.)

- 7) SYNODALITY – ‘seeking unity’ vs. exercise of other historical models of exercising, expressing AUTHORITY as *RESPONSIBLE SERVICE*
  - not Democracy; Tyranny; Benevolent Dictatorship;
- 8) the Pandemic as challenge, opportunity re: MASS
  - merely ‘Obligation’, or call to ‘Celebration’, ‘Renewal as God’s people’
- 9) How do we EQUIP our people as DISCIPLES?
- 10) LISTENING!! “We need to reflect on how we listen. Not just ‘personal listening, but listen with others, the Church *to the Holy Spirit!*”
- 11) Synodality is an antidote to INDIVIDUALISM
- 12) the call to deal with ‘Formation Gap’: especially important for people in ‘servant leadership’ and ministries in our parishes:
  - a) Parish & Finance Councils; b) ministry employees & volunteers; c) ongoing clergy formation



# Synodality/ Co-Responsibility



A wide-angle photograph of a large conference room during a meeting. Numerous participants are seated at round tables covered with white cloths, facing a stage area. On the stage, a man in a dark suit is standing at a podium, addressing the group. Behind him, a large projection screen displays a presentation slide with a blue and white logo. The room has a high ceiling with recessed lighting and a patterned carpet. The atmosphere appears professional and formal.



## **Phase I (Oct. 17 to April 22)**

– consultation with People of God

## **Phase II (Sept. 2022 – March 2023)**

– “continental Phase – engaging the *Instrumentum laboris* at a national level, followed by draft of 2<sup>nd</sup> *Instrumentum laboris*.

**Phase III (Oct. 2024)** – *extended to 2024* - celebration of the Assembly of Bishops in Rome, according to the renewed procedures of 2018 of Pope Francis: *Episcopalis Communnio*.

**The Next (Last) Phase.... now!**



# POPE LEO re: SYNOD



- **Emphasis on Participation and Communion:** the core purpose of synodality is to promote authentic experiences of participation and communion within the Church
- Calling on Bishops to be “**Builders of Bridges**”
- In a September 2025 address, he encouraged bishops to be builders of bridges, fostering the role of the laity and serving peace.
- **Addressing Clerical Misconduct:** the need to address clergy misconduct promptly with a combination of mercy and justice for victims and the accused.
- **Antidote to Division:** Synodality as an "antidote" to the deep divisions in the Church

# Jubilee 2025: Pilgrimage of Hope:

*Hope never disappoints!*



## What is the Jubilee?

Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year. Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus’ mission in this way: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,” (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us.





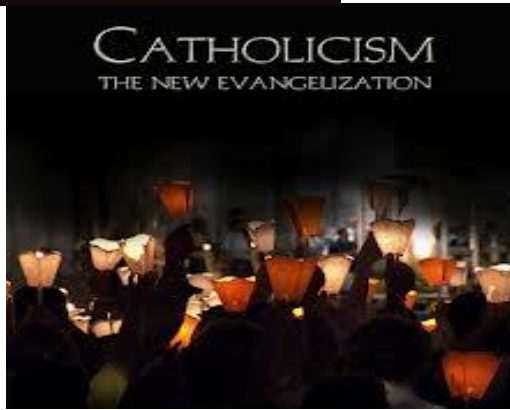
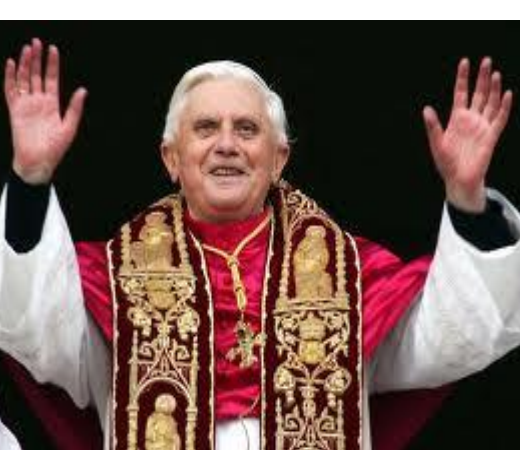
## Pilgrimage

The jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out.



**The Holy Door  
Reconciliation  
Prayer  
Liturgy  
Profession of Faith  
Indulgences**

# *New in **ARDOR, METHODS, EXPRESSION!***



**The New Evangelization**  
Building the Civilization of Love

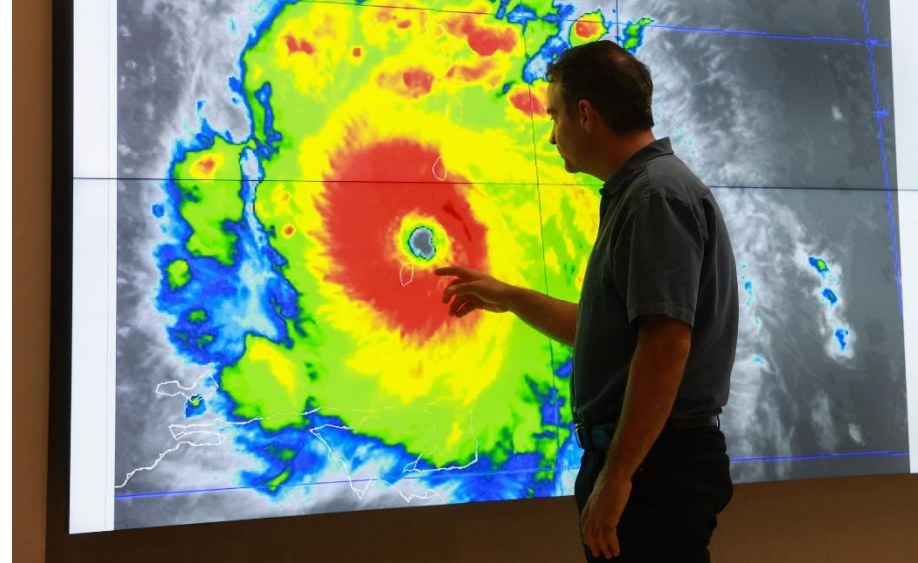
AS THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTS THE THIRD MILLENNIUM TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, EARTH INAUGURATES ITS NEW EVANGELIZATION SPECIALTY WEEK. THIS SITE WILL FOREVER BE A WORK IN PROGRESS, AS WE CONTINUE TO BRING TO YOU INFORMATION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON THE 3 CONTINENTS. WE HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION ON THE STENOCH WILL BE A HELP TO THOSE WHOSE WISDOM IT IS TO EVANGELIZE, A WISDOM WHICH BELONGS TO ALL OF US AT LEAST THROUGH PRAYER. THE SPIRITUAL, STATISTICAL AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL SHOULD GIVE EVERY VISITOR A SENSE OF THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION, AS WELL AS BE AN IMPETUS TO FURTHER THE NEW EVANGELIZATION BY FAITH AND ACTION.

UNDER THE PROTECTION OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEX, PATRONAGE OF THE MISSIONS, AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, WE WISH THE POPE HAS COURTESY THE NEW EVANGELIZATION, MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD BRING ABOUT THE NEW PENTECOST TO WHICH THE CHURCH LOOKS FORWARD WITH HOPE.

PROCEED TO:  
AFRICA  
AMERICA  
ASIA  
EUROPE  
OCEANIA

## **Our Current, New Context: Much is unravelling.**

- a new phase of redrawing of the international order is taking place.
- The prioritization of “my country, my context/ my people first” ...lunges countries & nations in our world forward into the tension of finding some way towards some sort of stability.
- Really terrible wars – in Ukraine, in Gaza and the Middle East, ...other parts of the world.



How do we – as Catholics –  
stand firmly in the difficult place  
between growing and polarizing  
anger and hate on the one hand, ...  
and isolating and suffocating  
indifference on the other.

Perhaps by firmly choosing a 3<sup>rd</sup>  
way.

- Not merely a *middle way*
- *Nor*, merely a question of  
balance – although there may be  
some of these features needed.





We take our inspiration from the Lord Jesus Himself, who – as God – comes fully into our context and condition, walking with us and facing all that we face, and, in fact ...more. In the words of our Gospel – he confronts, not withdraws, from the difficult issues of our time. He engages, does not withdraw. He is also the Saviour who does not play the ‘numbers’ game. He is the Good Shepherd who leaves the safe 99 sheep in the wilderness – to seek the one sheep who is lost. He is the crazy, stupid shepherd, for whom 99% return is not good enough.

## **John 20: 19ff - The Upper Room:**

*Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you..." As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

### ***“Retaining the sins of any”***

- The task of confronting ALL that prevents human flourishing. – of individuals and communities – is an important and daunting task. This is not easy, and cannot be rushed – especially when more and more is at stake!!
- The Jubilee Year and Synodality inspire and urge us to move beyond slogans and assumptions – to really being present with – in relationship with – one another.
- No wonder the world is still watching the Truth and Reconciliation project here in Canada.

***Big year ahead, folks. Thank God the Holy Spirit is with us!***

