

# *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

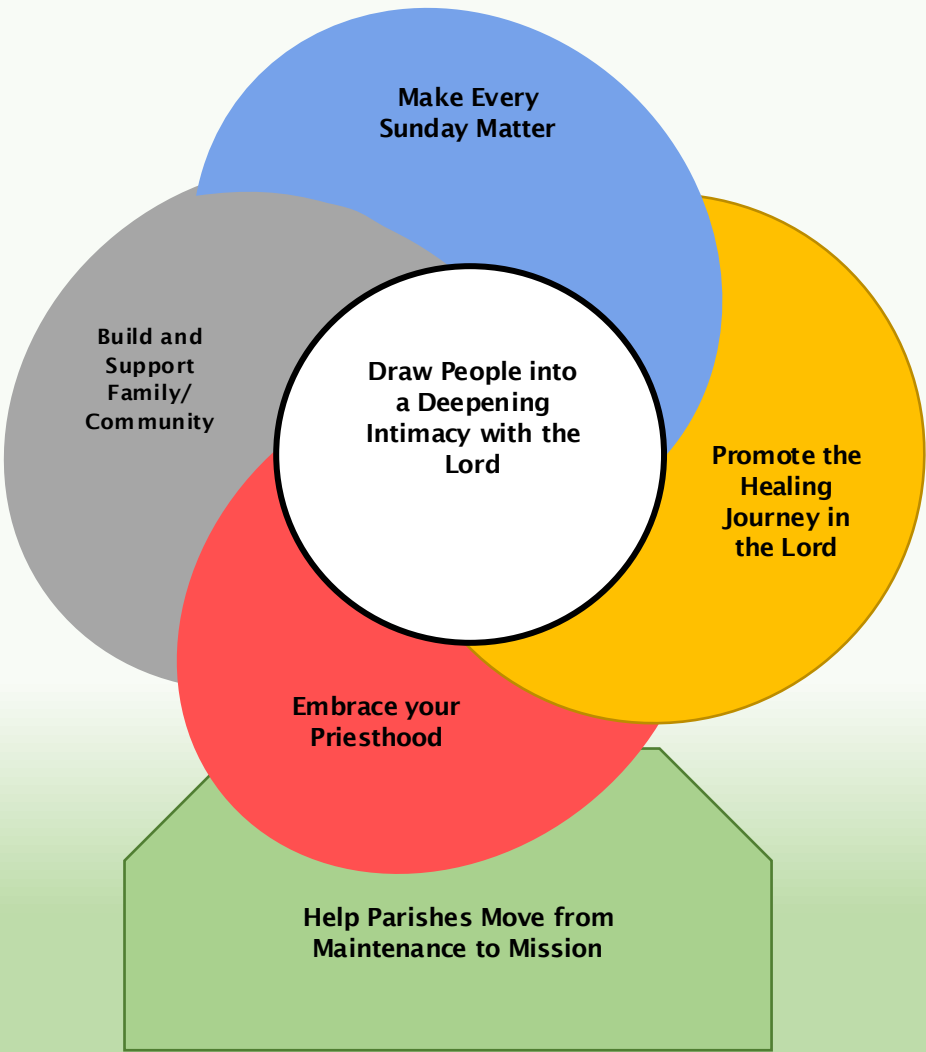
- Launch of 2026-27 Pastoral Year
- 2026 – **Year of St. Francis**: 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Francis (until Jan 10, 2027)
- Actively living out the Diocesan Pastoral Plan thru **SYNODALITY**
- Partners in FAITH: **Catholic Schools; Catholic Health Care**
- Our Church Communities as ***places of Safety, Respect, Support***
- **Outreach & support** to those who face real and existential challenges: the poor & homeless; those without *hope*.
- Raising the bar: *Respect for the human person and human community (ies)*

# Key Events/ Developments in 2026:

- 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!**

**Goal 2 - Make Every Sunday Matter**

**Goal 3 – Embrace the Priesthood**

**Goal 4 – Build and Support Family & Community**

**Goal 5 – Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord**

**Goal 6 – Move from *Maintenance* to *Mission***

# 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*  
- *the 3<sup>rd</sup> Munera at service to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Munera*
- 3) Reflect and renew diocesan parish structures – many different experiences of relationship be: clergy and laity, esp. in rural SK
- 4) The Church’s relationship to secular authority; institutions; realities
- 5) Discovering, renewing our participation in the SACRAMENTS
- 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) How do we EQUIP our people as DISCIPLES?

9) LISTENING!! “We need to reflect on how we listen. Not just ‘personal listening, but listen with others, the Church *to the Holy Spirit!*”

10) SYNODALITY as antidote to INDIVIDUALISM

11) Ongoing Formation: especially important for people in ‘servant leadership’ and ministries in our parishes:

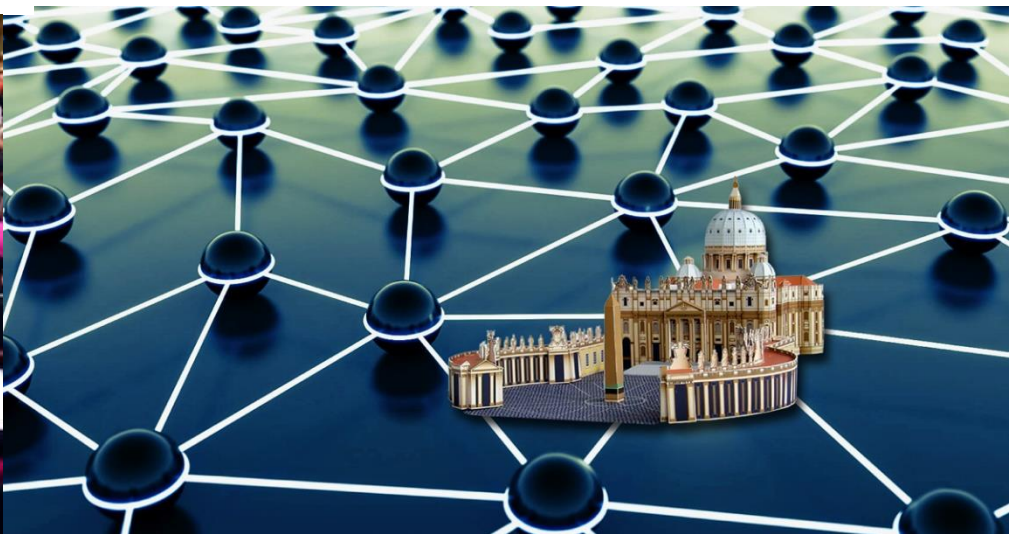
a) Parish & Finance Councils; b) ministry employees & volunteers; c) ongoing clergy formation







# Synodality/ Co-Responsibility



## **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!**

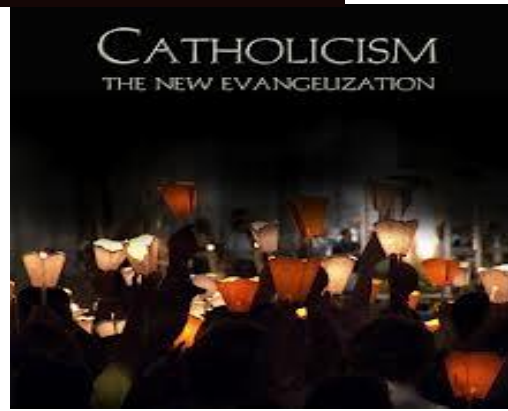
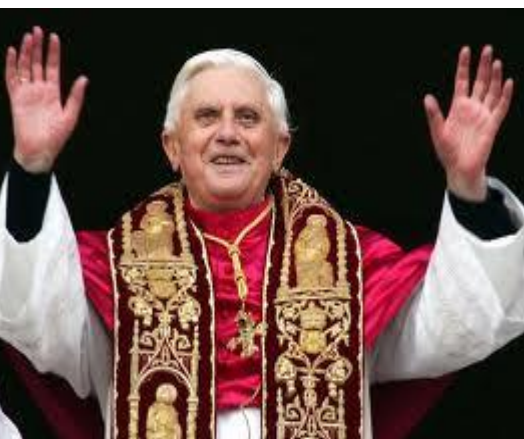


# POPE LEO re: SYNOD



- **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.
- **Antidote to Division:** Synodality as an "antidote" to the deep divisions in the Church and society.
- **Focus on Unity:** God created the world for unity: Synodality is the ecclesial term for this principle.
- Re-emphasizing Christians as ***Peace-Makers.***
- Re-discovering our ***Magnificent Humanity!***

# *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 EVANGELIZATION WILL BE A HELP TO THOSE WHOSE MISSION IT IS TO EVANGELIZE. A MISSION WHICH BELONGS TO ALL OF US AT LEAST THROUGH PRAYER. THE SPIRITUAL, STATISTICAL AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL SHOULD BE EVERY VISITOR A GUIDE OF THE UNIVERSALITY IN 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. THOMAS OF LIMA, PATRONAGE OF THE MISSION, AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, TO WHOM THE POPE HAS COMMITTED 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



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."*

### ***“Forgiving; 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 in relationship with – one another.
- 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!***

