

Dear Brother in Christ,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

# **Updates on the Synod**

# Parish Listening Sessions:

If you have not already done so, please submit the names and contact information for your parish Synod Delegates via the online form: <a href="https://adw.org/parish-nomination-form-for-archdiocesan-synod-delegates/">https://adw.org/parish-nomination-form-for-archdiocesan-synod-delegates/</a>

Your parish delegates will be invited to a regional gathering to share the results of your parish's listening session.

Summary reports from your parish listening sessions are to be submitted by <u>February 15, 2022</u> via the online form found here: <u>https://adw.org/parish-listening-session-synod-summary-report/</u>. If you have questions about how or when to submit the report, please contact Dr. Jeannine Marino at marinoj@adw.org

### Regional Synod Sessions:

The Archdiocese will hold four regional Synod sessions. The regional sessions will allow for smaller gatherings in light of the Omicron variant of COVID.

### The Regional Synod Sessions are as follows:

Montgomery County: Saturday, March 12, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood, MD from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.

<u>Prince George's County</u>: Saturday, March 19, 2022 at St. Joseph's in Largo, MD from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m.

<u>Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties</u>: Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf, MD from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m.

<u>District of Columbia</u>: Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, D.C. from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 4:30 p.m.

# Mass for the Closing of the Diocesan Phase of the Synod

The Mass for the Closing of the diocesan phase of the Synod will be a Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Cardinal Gregory will be the principal celebrant of the Mass and all parish delegates, clergy delegates and religious delegates are invited!

#### Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see <a href="mailto:adw.org/coronavirus">adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/</a> for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and <a href="mailto:cathstan.org">cathstan.org</a> and <a href="mailto:elpreg.org">elpreg.org</a> for the Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Pregonero newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am Sincerely in Christ, Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia