



UPDATE – Synod 2022 Parish Small Group Discussion Sessions

The Archdiocese recently published detailed information about the upcoming Parish Small Group Discussion Sessions for the Archdiocesan Synod 2022. The order of discussions about the 3 Focus Areas, and the topics to be discussed at each session are somewhat different than what we had previously published via an insert in the weekend Bulletin, eBlast and in handouts. The dates and times for the 6 discussion sessions have not changed. See the revised outline for which Focus Area and associated Topics A & B will be discussed at the 6 Parish Small Group Discussion Sessions, along with the dates and times, on the back of this sheet or on our parish website.

The Archdiocese will be providing discussion session guidelines and materials that will be consistent across the Archdioceses. A key goal is enable every parishioner who wants to participate an opportunity to hear and be heard about the 3 Focus Area and associated Topics. A relatively brief, easy and anonymous Feedback Form will be provided for each participant. This input from all 186 parishes will be consolidated by the Archdiocese to inform the next Deanery level discussions in January and February 2022. The Archdiocesan Synod will occur on June 3-5, 2022 (Pentecost Weekend).

What We Need You To Do

1. Review the revised (final) outline of the Parish Small Group Discussion Session dates, times, Focus Areas and Topics A & B to determine which session(s) you tentatively plan to attend.
2. Send an email to Amy Stein (astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) or make a call to the parish office (651-459-2131), to let us know which Parish Small Group Session(s) you tentatively plan to attend. This will greatly help us to plan for facilitation the sessions. Your indication of interest in one or more sessions will only be tentative. Attendance at any or all of the Parish Small Group Discussion Sessions will remain wide open. All parishioners are invited and welcome.
3. Keep your Archdiocesan Synod 2022 and its process in your prayers. This is the first synod to be held in our Archdiocese since 1939. Archbishop Hebda want to hear from parishioners across the Archdiocese about pastoral priorities to help develop a Pastoral Plan to move our Archdiocese into the future.