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*“We recall that the purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.” synod.va*

We, the Synodal Coordinating Committee for the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes have been tasked with facilitating the Synodal process for our community. We have been meeting, planning and prayerfully discerning the best method for carrying this out, and we are praying that the Holy Spirit will bring people together to make the most of this opportunity.

If you are unsure of what the Synod is, there is information at <https://dol.ca/synod-2021-2023> and there will be more information coming your way in the weeks ahead that will hopefully explain this undertaking in such a way that you will want to be a part of it. When you receive the information, we ask that you prayerfully consider participating.

This is a wonderful opportunity to listen and to learn from those that are coming to church, as well as those who don't feel as though their voices have been heard. We hope that you will not only feel called to be involved, but to inspire others to participate as well.

A page for our website is being developed where you will find information and be able to register for listening sessions that will be held at all our parish sites throughout the months of March, April and May.

We are praying for you all and ask that you pray for us to have the wisdom and grace to carry this out so that our church may listen and grow, and may we always use Jesus' example as we do. We have hope and excitement in our hearts as we embark on this journey!

Lenten Blessings,

The Synodal Coordinating Committee

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