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## WELCOME

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### WELCOME MESSAGE

We the welcoming family of Holy Cross are delighted to have you join our parish family. Whether you are new to the area, seeking a new parish home, or returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we hope you come and spend some time with us at Mass and in prayer and adoration. We seek to offer as many opportunities as possible for parishioners to come together as a family of faith. We pray that you may find warmth and spiritual growth here at Holy Cross!



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: "Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego". - Lc 3, 16

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 | 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

## SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

To make the synodality desired by Pope Francis since the beginning of his pontificate concrete and visible, the next Synod of Bishops, scheduled for October 2023, will not only be celebrated in the Vatican but in each particular Church of the five continents, following a three-year itinerary divided into three phases: diocesan, continental and universal.

### *An integral synodal process*

"The fullness of the synodal process can only truly exist if the local churches are involved that process," the document states. "For a genuine participation of the local churches, there also must be the involvement of other ecclesial bodies in this process, such as the Synods of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Councils and Assemblies of the Churches sui iuris, and Episcopal Conferences, with their own national, regional, and continental entities."

### *A decentralised Synod*

The Synod was conceived by Pope Paul VI as a way to continue the collegial experience of the Second Vatican Council. During the ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis expressed his desire for a common path for "laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome." Now, for the first time, a "decentralised" Synod is being celebrated.

### *Solemn opening with the Pope in the Vatican*

The synodal path will begin at the Vatican, in the presence of the Pope, on 9 and 10 October 2021 with a time for encounter and reflection, followed by a moment of prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist.

### *Diocesan phase: consultation and participation of the People of God*

The particular Churches will begin their journey on Sunday, 17 October, under the presidency of the diocesan bishop. The objective of this phase is the consultation of the People of God. To this end, the Secretariat of the Synod will send a preparatory Document accompanied by a Questionnaire and a Vademecum with proposals for carrying out the consultation in each particular Church. The same Document will be sent to Curial Dicasteries, Unions of Superiors and Major Superiors, unions or federations of consecrated life, international lay movements, Universities or Faculties of Theology.

Each bishop, before October 2021, will appoint a diocesan representative as a point of reference and liaison with the Bishops' Conference; the Conference, in turn, will appoint a representative or team to coordinate with the General Secretariat of the Synod.

The diocesan discernment will culminate in a "Pre-Synodal Meeting." The contributions will be sent to their own Episcopal Conference. The bishops, gathered in assembly for a period of discernment, will make a synthesis which they will send to the General Secretariat of the Synod. This first stage will be completed by April 2022.

## SÍNODO SOBRE SINODALIDAD

Para hacer concreta y visible la sinodalidad deseada por el Papa Francisco desde el inicio de su pontificado, el próximo Sínodo de los Obispos, previsto para octubre de 2023, no solo se celebrará en el Vaticano sino en cada Iglesia particular de los cinco continentes, siguiendo tres años. Itinerario anual dividido en tres fases: diocesana, continental y universal.

### *Un proceso sinodal integral*

"La plenitud del proceso sinodal solo puede existir verdaderamente si las iglesias locales están involucradas en ese proceso", dice el documento. "Para una auténtica participación de las Iglesias locales, también debe haber la implicación de otros órganos eclesiales en este proceso, como los Sínodos de las Iglesias orientales católicas, los Consejos y Asambleas de las Iglesias sui iuris y las Conferencias episcopales, con sus propias entidades nacionales, regionales y continentales".

### *Un Sínodo descentralizado*

El Sínodo fue concebido por el Papa Pablo VI como una forma de continuar la experiencia colegiada del Concilio Vaticano II. Durante las ceremonias de conmemoración del 50 aniversario de la institución del Sínodo de los Obispos, el Papa Francisco expresó su deseo de un camino común para "laicos, pastores, el Obispo de Roma". Ahora, por primera vez, se celebra un Sínodo "descentralizado".

### *Apertura solemne con el Papa en el Vaticano*

El camino sinodal comenzará en el Vaticano, en presencia del Papa, los días 9 y 10 de octubre de 2021 con un tiempo de encuentro y reflexión, seguido de un momento de oración y celebración de la Eucaristía.

### *Fase diocesana: consulta y participación del Pueblo de Dios*

Las Iglesias particulares comenzarán su camino el domingo 17 de octubre, bajo la presidencia del obispo diocesano. El objetivo de esta fase es la consulta al Pueblo de Dios. Para ello, la Secretaría del Sínodo enviará un Documento preparatorio acompañado de un Cuestionario y un Vademécum con propuestas para realizar la consulta en cada Iglesia particular. El mismo Documento se enviará a los Dicasterios Curiales, las Uniones de Superiores y Superiores Mayores, las uniones o federaciones de vida consagrada, los movimientos laicales internacionales, las Universidades o Facultades de Teología.

Cada obispo, antes de octubre de 2021, nombrará un representante diocesano como punto de referencia y enlace con la Conferencia Episcopal; la Conferencia, a su vez, designará un representante o equipo para coordinar con la Secretaría General del Sínodo.

El discernimiento diocesano culminará en un "Encuentro Pre-sinodal". Las contribuciones se enviarán a su propia Conferencia Episcopal. Los obispos, reunidos en asamblea para un período de discernimiento, harán una síntesis que enviarán a la Secretaría General del Sínodo. Esta primera etapa se completará en abril de 2022.

# READINGS

## FIRST READING

ZEP 3:14-18A

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

## SECOND READING

PHIL 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL

LK 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

# MASS SCHEDULE

## MON, TUE, THURS & FRI

8:00 am & 12:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY

8:00 am & 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm *(Spanish)*

## SATURDAY

8:00 am & 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm *(French)*

## SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:30 pm *(Spanish)*

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday & First Friday 8:30 - 11:30 am

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday 12:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm, Sunday 11:30 am-12:15 pm

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SAT, DEC 11

8:00 am

4:00 pm †

6:00 pm

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11/MT 17:9A, 10-13

Pauline Laliberte

Rita Drinan

Pauline Laliberte

## SUN, DEC 12

8:00 am

10:00 am †

12:30 pm †

ZEP 3:14-18A/PHIL 4:4-7/LK 3:10-18

Holy Cross Parishioners

Kathleen Ryder

Angelita Cardenas Lopez

## MON, DEC 13

8:00 am †

12:00 pm †

7:00 pm

NM 24:2-7, 15-17A/MT 21:23-27

William Kennedy & Children

Guillermo Svab

MDS

## TUES, DEC 14

8:00 am †

12:00 pm †

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13/MT 21:28-32

Leo J. & Margaret Fitzpatrick & Family

Kenneth Doerflinger

## WED, DEC 15

8:00 am

12:00 pm

7:00 pm

IS 45:6B-8, 18, 21C-25/LK 7:18B-23

Vocations

Patricia Bastow

Cartagena-Desiderio Family

## THURS, DEC 16

8:00 am †

12:00 pm †

IS 54:1-10/LK 7:24-30

All Aborted Babies

Pam Hiller

## FRI, DEC 17

8:00 am

12:00 pm

GN 49:2, 8-10/MT 1:1-17

Timothy Bastow

Chris Bastow & Family

## SAT, DEC 18

8:00 am †

4:00 pm †

6:00 pm †

JER 23:5-8/MT 1:18-25

Angel Cruz

Arlene Rizzotto

Rosemary Owens

## SUN, DEC 19

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:30 pm

MI 5:1-4A/HEB 10:5-10/LK 1:39-45

Allen Flexon

Holy Cross Parishioners

Columbiettes

# PARISH NEWS



## BINGO

Please join us for Monday evening BINGO! Doors open at 4pm. First games start at 5:45pm. Bring a friend or two! \$12 to start. Three jackpots. Hotdogs, snacks, pastries, and drinks for sale. A big thank you to all of our generous volunteers! **No BINGO December 27.**

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our advent penance service this year will be THIS Tuesday, December 14 at 6pm. We will have six priests in attendance. Please be sure to come and avail yourselves of the great graces God gives to us in the sacrament of penance. We look forward to seeing you there!

## GIFT CARD THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated gift cards for our Saint Nicholas Gift Card drive last weekend! We received over \$3,400 in donations that will go to the needy families in our parish for Christmas!

## BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

We are starting a ten-week study on the Gospel of Matthew. Our tentative start date will be Tuesday, January 18, at 10 am in one of our classrooms here on campus. Our group leader will be writer, editor, and catechist, Kristen Noakes-Fry. Books are \$20. Please contact the office to register.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 12

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 8am—N Banks, C Banks, 10am—A Gerardi, R Hughes, **Lectors:** 8am—A Convery, 10am—L Reale, 12:30pm—Teresita, Pedro, Eduardo, Andreina

### Monday, December 13

**Lectors:** 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—K Noakes, 7pm—Rigo, Gil, Robinson

### Tuesday, December 14

**Lectors:** 8am—K Noakes, 12pm—M Taylor

### Wednesday, December 15

**Lectors:** 8am—L Reale, 12pm—M Taylor, 7pm—Alicia

### Thursday, December 16

**Lectors:** 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—L Shields

### Friday, December 17

**Lectors:** 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—L Ferreira

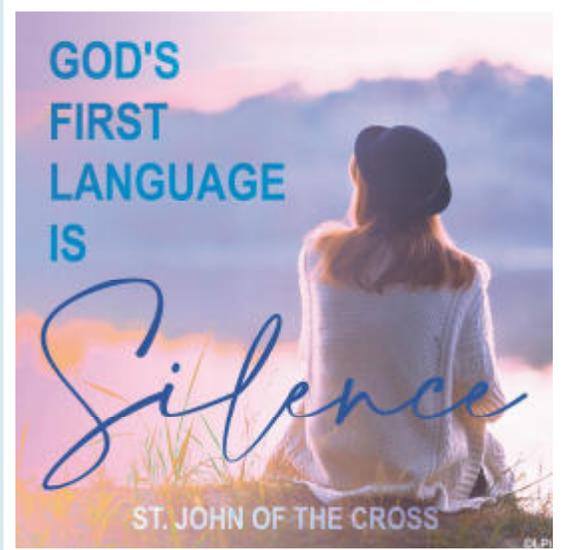
### Saturday, December 18

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 4pm—R Vidro, L Fitzpatrick,

**Lectors:** 8am—L Lapointe, 4pm—L Ferreira

### Sunday, December 19

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 8am—S Pacheco, S Schuler, 10am—M Branesky, A Shaw, **Lectors:** 8am—M Branesky, 10am—J Michalski, 12:30pm—Kiara, Alejandra, Romulo, Pablo



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please note that names will be automatically removed from this list after three months. Please call the parish office to add a name to this list.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Faith, Mary, Meghan, Paul, Edith, Peggy Anne, Sylvia, Jean Ann, Felicitas, Adolfo, Jesus, Ileana, William, Jacob, Jeremy, Miranda, Lydia, Annette, Angela, Cecelia, Christine, Jill, Finnley, Jim, Lupita, Jeremiah, Jared, Phyllis, Natalie, Virginia, Jenn, Joe, Rick, Bud, Donna, Susan, Denise, George, Carmelita, Margaret H., Gianna, Tina, Laura, John, Gail, Karon, Beth Anne, Joe, Evelyn, Gerry, Ben, Mr. & Mrs. Verstappen, Victor, Karen, Rose Marie, John, Maureen, Colin, Paul, John, Joseph, Peggy, Kami, Katie, Anne-Marie, Simo, Josephine, Terry, Bill, Maria, Holly, Doris, Zima, Craig, Sharon, Mike, Robert, Phyllis, Jodi, Carly, Ann, Sharon, Beverly, Emily, Lynn, Mary Lou, Catherine, Roger, Maria, Alfredo, Eleanor, Dayana, Janet, Marilyn, Mary Ann, Bobby, Charlie, Christina, Peggy H., Mark, Renee, Glenn, Mary, Lynn, Sandra, Sally, Nick, Frank, Ed M., Paulette, Frank, Bozana, Mary Ellen, Sharon, Patty, Carlos, Maria Julia, Paula, Pam, Catherine, Amanda, Pat, Dennis, Lauren, Grace, Heidi, Scott, Lisa, Dawn Marie, Declan, Bodhi, Zora, Marie, Katherine, Miguel, Nick, Sharon, Frankie, Kathy, Lisa, Pam, Frank, Sara, Nick, Lynn, Sarah Kristen, Joseph & Theresa, Pierotti Family, Sarah, Maggie, Dyllan, Elba, Artie & Halai, Annie, Jeanie, Anne, Lynn, Chuck, Carl, Bella, Bill, Montana, Eli, Susan, Karen, Fran, Diane & Troy & Family, Lori, Patricia & Anthony, Paul, Kathy, Maryann, Mario, Anthony, Christina, Joseph & Lucy, Chuck, Robert, Missa, David, Chuck, Sue Ann, Tina, Angie, Don, Justine, Maria, the Agars, Eleanor, Fr. Tom, Arlene, Brooke, Vincent

# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you need to make any changes, please contact your MINISTRY HEAD. Thank you!

## December 24

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- 8am - K Harkins, T Charron
- 8pm - M Aguirre, V Aguirre

### Lectors:

- 8am - K Noakes
- 4pm - J Terrell
- 8pm - S Michalski, J Michalski
- 11pm -

## December 25

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- 8am - M Colravy, P Jones
- 10am - T Chaoui, R Hughes

### Lectors:

- 8am - M Taylor
- 10am - L Reale
- 12:30pm -

## December 31

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- 4pm - M Colravy, K Hossley

### Lectors:

- 8am - A Convery
- 12pm - L Ferreira
- 4pm - C Estock

- 12am - A Convery

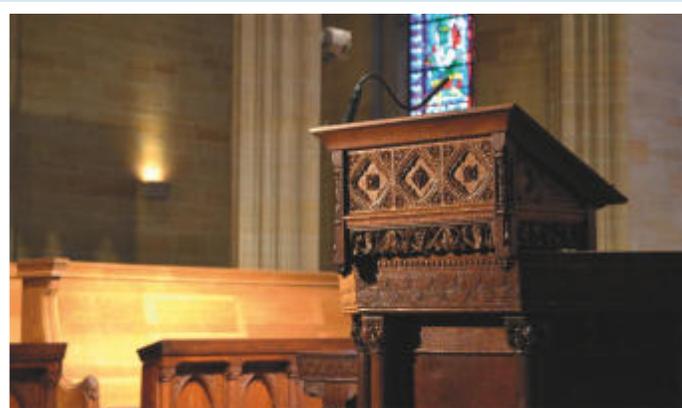
## January 1

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- 8am -
- 10am - Sr Patrick, R Hughes
- 4pm - K Harkins, R Vidro

### Lectors:

- 8am - A Convery
- 10am - M Taylor
- 12:30pm -
- 4pm - C Capista



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### Weekend of December 4—5, 2021

Envelopes: 179 (out of 732 families)  
Online Giving: \$ 1,923.50 (from 34 donors)  
Weekly Total: \$ 8,677.00  
Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00

## 2021 APA

### As of November 16, 2021

Goal: \$ 69,248.00  
Pledged: \$ 58,685.00  
Paid: \$ 59,064.50  
Pledges: 244 (out of 732 families)

### APA Pledging

Many people feel that they can participate at a sacrificial gift level if they make payments over a period of time. We currently work with monthly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge will receive reminders according to their designated payment schedule.

### APA One-Time Gifts

If donors prefer, a one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled for later.

### APA Electronic Giving

All major credit and debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments are accepted. Donor managed online giving is available through the diocesan website at:

<https://s.dosp.org/give>

### APA Checks

Please **do not** combine APA and Offertory in one check.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Due to the penitential nature of the season of Advent, we will not have flowers on the altar until Christmas.

## SANCTUARY LAMP

There are no sanctuary lamp intentions this week.

## ALTAR BREAD & WINE

There are no altar bread and wine intentions this week.

# LEARN ABOUT THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

## ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HIS LIFE & VIRTUES

### THE SAINTS ON TRUST IN GOD, CONTINUED

“Pray to be ever ready for God’s will even when it takes you by surprise.” Saint Mary MacKillop

“God is full of compassion and never fails those who are afflicted and despised, if they trust in Him alone.” Saint Teresa of Avila

“The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive all that you ask.” Saint Albert the Great

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” Saint Gianna Molla

“The Holy Spirit leads us like a mother. He leads His child by the hand...as a sighted person leads a blind person.” Saint John Vianney

“Those whose hearts are enlarged by confidence in God run swiftly on the path of perfection. They not only run, they fly; because, having placed all their hope in the Lord, they are no longer weak as they once were. They become strong with the strength of God, which is given to all who put their trust in Him.” Saint Alphonsus Liguori



### PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR THE VIRTUE OF TRUST IN GOD

Great Saint Joseph,  
who are the director, the friend, and the protector  
of those souls who desire to be perfect,  
you who did learn from Jesus and Mary  
how to conquer the powers of hell,  
and to practice all virtues,  
obtain for me the grace of TRUST IN GOD.  
Beloved Saint Joseph, my father, my guide, and my  
model,  
you who have so much zeal for the glory of Jesus Christ,  
and for my sanctification,  
please listen to my petition.  
I have the sweet confidence that you will not reject it.  
Your goodness will supply that which is lacking in my  
fervor,  
and according to the depth of your love for me,  
and of your power with Him Who has deigned to be  
called your Son,  
you will favorably hear me. Amen.

### ORACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ POR LA VIRTUD DE LA CONFIANZA EN DIOS

Gran San José,  
quien es el director, el amigo y el protector  
de aquellas almas que desean ser perfectas,  
tú que aprendiste de Jesús y María  
cómo conquistar los poderes del infierno,  
y practicar todas las virtudes,  
obtén para mí la gracia de CONFIANZA EN DIOS.  
Amado San José, mi padre, mi guía y mi modelo,  
tú que tienes tanto celo por la gloria de Jesucristo y por  
mi santificación,  
por favor escuche mi petición.  
Tengo la dulce confianza de que no lo rechazará.  
Tu bondad suplirá lo que falta en mi fervor,  
y según la profundidad de tu amor por mí,  
y de tu poder con Aquel que se ha dignado ser llamado  
Hijo tuyo,  
me escucharás favorablemente. Amén.

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*Housekeeper*

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Millie Haylock  
*Baptisms*

# FAITH FORMATION

## ADVENT AROUND THE WORLD!

December 12th commemorates the apparitions of Mary in Mexico City. Her apparition in Mexico is ingrained in Mexican culture and tradition. The article from "Be My Disciples" gives us an insight into the history and origins of our Lady of Guadalupe. People in Mexico celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Mary is the Patron Saint of Mexico and Patroness of the Americas. Every year, thousands of people from all over the country make a pilgrimage to the Basilica in Mexico City. The day commemorates her apparition to Saint Juan Diego in the hills of Tepeyac in 1531. She asked him to go to the bishop and tell him that the Ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God sent him to ask for a church to be built atop Tepeyac hill. Today, as a sign of their devotion to Mary, many pilgrims travel to this site on their knees for many miles. They do this as a sign of their devotion to Mary and to show gratitude for favors received from her. In the evening, the entrance of the basilica is filled with pilgrims from different regions of the country. Many other fiestas or popular celebrations take place in honor of La Virgen Morena, or the dark-skinned Madonna, all over Mexico. Almost every household erects an altar to the



Virgin Mary for the day and the faithful demonstrate their joy by lighting fireworks throughout their cities. Mary's apparition in Mexico to Saint Juan Diego aided the Catholic Church's effort to bring the Gospel to the Americas.



Family prayer for the Third Week of Advent:

*Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of*

*Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Light the first and second purple candles and now the pink candle).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

## FORMED WATCHLIST

This week's FORMED weekly watchlist is *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*, a documentary that traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Visit us at [holycrossrcc.com](http://holycrossrcc.com) to watch this illuminating film for free on FORMED.org!

## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is

right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## ORACIÓN PARA EL SÍNODO

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo, reunidos en tu nombre. Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero: ven a nosotros, apóyanos, entra en nuestros corazones. Enséñanos el camino, muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta. Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas débiles y

pecadoras. No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos. Concédenos el don del discernimiento, para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por prejuicios y falsas consideraciones. Condúcenos a la unidad en ti, para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforzemos por alcanzar la vida eterna. Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar, en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

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