

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 10 2022

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Update on the Synod from Bishop McGovern

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Diocese of Belleville concludes the synod process in our local church and submits a written synthesis of the meetings for use in the next phase of the synod process, I thought I would share with you in several installments an update of the synod. Today I would simply like to share with you some reflections on the synod experience.

As you know, we opened the Synod process in the Diocese of Belleville on October 17, 2021. This followed several months of an introduction to synodality and a call for frequent prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking the Spirit's assistance in the process. Over the course of months, the People of God in southern Illinois participated in the Synod in a variety of ways, including: parish gatherings, gatherings in religious communities, and on-line participation.

The initial efforts took more time than expected, requiring more information about what is a synod and what is the goal of the synod. We also learned that we had to create mechanisms for the people to participate, communicating the different options people had for live participation in their area. We also realized that concerns about the COVID pandemic gave many people pause about gathering in person, so electronic methods of contributing were important.

There was a palpable intensification of the Synod once we arrived at Ash Wednesday. More parishes began their in-person meetings during Lent and sessions were held both during the day and in the evening. Prayers for the Synod continued throughout these months, especially during the Universal Prayers in parish liturgies.

I had requested that the participants also consider commenting on the person of Jesus Christ in their lives and what the Lord means to them. This led to some very deep, beautiful spiritual sharing about the importance of life with Christ, that preceded further conversation about journeying together with the Lord and with the community of the Church.

We learned over the course of the months that our people were eager to share their faith in Jesus in the sharing format used for the Synod. People were also willing to openly share their hopes for the Catholic Church in the future. All of this took place in an atmosphere of prayerful reflection and respect for the people gathered at each session, respect for the clergy and for the hierarchy.

Some insights about the process include the clear realization that the more often we exercise synodality, the more comfortable we will become with the idea and the process. Another insight is that we need ways of continuing to communicate with the People of God the future direction of the Synod up to and including the meeting in Rome in October of 2024.

These are some simple insights about the synodal experience in the Diocese of Belleville. Next week, we will focus on the fruits of the discussion and the discernment.

Please remember to keep Pope Francis and the Synod in your prayers in the months ahead.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern



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Sundays – 8:00 am
Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 July 2022

Deuteronomy 30:10-14. Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37. **OR** Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11.

Colossians 1:15-20. Luke 10:25-37.

About Doing Likewise. Question 1: What must I do to inherit eternal life? Question 2: What is written in the law? Answer 1: Love God, love neighbor, love self. Question 3: Who is my neighbor, then? Answer 2: The one who shows mercy (In this story, it is not the one who needs mercy – though likely a neighbor, too.). Point: Go and do the same!

- ◆ Who is a “neighbor” beyond my acquaintances, my tribe?
- ◆ What mercy work do I see being done?
- ◆ What will I likewise go and do?

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Jul 10	8:00 am Mass	Lee Sutheimer Trisha Yasay
Fri Jul 15	6:00 pm Mass	
Sun Jul 17	8:00 am Mass	Pat Kinhead

Birthdays
Jul 13 Theo Widowski
July 14 Joseph Bowers Cathy Kruep

Liturgical Ministers

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
July 10 E Garrett	D Irby	A Dueker <u>Cantor</u> Z Garrett	M &C Bergmann	*F Dueker, A Irby

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STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 03, 2022

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Loose \$63.00
Masses \$80.00
Total: \$1298.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

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My apologies for leaving out Maddie Palmer’s Birthday July 7.
Thankyou to Madonna Slife who hosted our 1st Sunday Social last week.

IMPORTANT DATES: Please note Wellness Committee meeting date change below

--*Tuesday July 19	Wellness Committee mtg at 6 pm rescheduled
--Sunday July 17	Adult Bible Study
--Wednesday July 20	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs-Friday July 21-23	St Paul operates Faith Alive Thrift Store
--Sunday July 24	Catholic Women’s Council meeting after Mass

July 10 VOCATION CORNER

“When I was 8, I penned a rhyme that listed 12 things I liked. Reading it as an adult, I was delighted that “people” had made the list - and disappointed that “ice cream” had not. The verse ended, “I like God the best.” Even then, the Lord was inviting me to be exclusively his own.

I was grateful to my family for giving me the gift of faith. After graduating from college, I served the Church full time for 11 years. I thought I had found my mission to active ministry...” But gradually, in the quiet intimacy of adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, he revealed the difference between doing God’s work and fulfilling his will. Gently, he invited me to embrace a contemplative vocation. “

Sr. John Mark Maria of St. Peter the Apostle; Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, Tonopab,AZ. *Columbia* Dec. 2019

THE OFFICE OF DIACONATE FORMATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE IS BEGINNING A NEW CYCLE OF RECRUITMENT AND PREPARATION OF MEN FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE.

FORMATION OF THE NEW CLASS FOR ORDINATION IN 2028 WILL BEGIN WITH A RETREAT IN AUGUST OF 2023 TO START A PERIOD OF ASPIRANCY.

The initial selection process for this class will begin with a series of “Come and See” events at various parishes around the diocese August through November 2022. You need only to attend one of the Come and See, gatherings. Potential applicants should review the schedule for the locations and dates of these events to take advantage of the opportunity to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program. Applicants must be baptized Catholic men between the ages of thirty and sixty (at the time the formation program begins), active in the parish, Candidates may attend St. Joseph Parish Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:00 p.m. (Church) 220 South Elliott Olney, IL 6245 St. Francis Xavier Parish Tuesday, September 13, 2022 7:00 p.m. (Church) 303 S. Poplar Street Carbondale, IL 62901 Cathedral of St. Peter Saturday, October 15, 2022 10:00 a.m. (Undercroft) 200 W. Harrison Street Belleville, IL 62220 St. Mary Parish Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7:00 p.m. (Church) 1550 Main Street Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 For additional information please visit or contact, Contact: Reverend Steven Pautler, Director of Deacon Formation Phone: 618-722-5043 or Email: spautler@diobelle.org.