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Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples Through the Sacramental Life of the Church.

Synod 2014 Impetus for New Archdiocesan Logo



During the Synod held on Pentecost Weekend, it was abundantly evident that the Holy Spirit was present among the delegates and observers, working in wonderful ways as we came together to discern the future of the Catholic Church in southeastern Wisconsin. As

an outcome of that historic event, we have been inspired to create a new archdiocesan logo. This symbol, born from the Synod, reflects the essence of our Catholic identity and the richness of our faith.

Representing the Trinity

- A gentle wind signifies God the Father — (1 Kings 19:12)
- The host and cross represent God the Son
- The dove and flame symbolize God the Holy Spirit

Symbolizing the sacraments of Initiation

- The blue wave denotes initiation through baptism
- The host symbolizes encountering Christ in the Eucharist
- The red flame and dove represent receiving the Holy Spirit in confirmation

Highlighting inspiration and salvation

- The flame and dove capture our openness to the Holy Spirit
- The cross signifies our redemption by God's love through Christ's death and resurrection



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This logo expresses our beliefs and the fact that as a Catholic community, we are poised to **ignite**, **renew** and **energize** the work of our Church! Please continue to pray that the Spirit-filled energy that began at the Synod and is emerging in our Catholic parishes and communities since, continues to grow.

A prayer for the Mission of the Church in southeastern Wisconsin has been written, and is included in this bulletin newsletter in both English and Spanish. I invite parishes, schools, Catholic institutions, families and individuals throughout the archdiocese to pray this prayer daily.

May the Holy Spirit continue to ignite a fire in all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as we become better informed about our faith and more active in living and sharing it.

In this issue:

- ▶ “Our Mission as Catholics” reflection on page two asks us to question if we are actively part of the Mission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and putting the Synod initiatives into action.
- ▶ “The Six Habits of Intentional Disciples” on page three shows us great ways to practice our “Catholic ID.”
- ▶ Photos from the February District Gathering at St. Monica Parish, Whitefish Bay.

Our Mission as Catholics:

Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church.

This is the mission of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as we begin implementation of the priorities from last year's archdiocesan Synod, and really, the mission for all parishes. As we put this mission and the Synod initiatives into action, we need to ask ourselves:

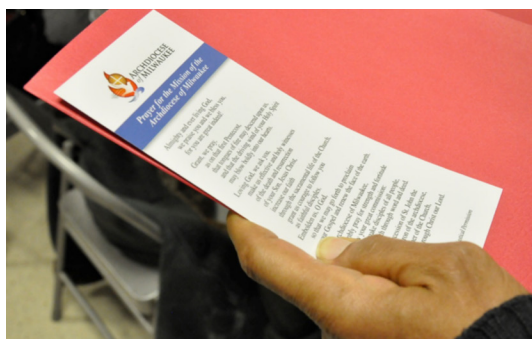
- Are these initiatives helping people to encounter Christ and proclaim Christ through our word and deed?
- Will the new priorities lead people to become disciples or grow as disciples?
- Are we connecting the work of the Church with the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation?

These questions are also a good guide for living out our own lives. Reflect on:

- The ways you encounter Jesus in your life and how you "proclaim Christ" to others.
- How you're growing as a disciple and helping your children or other people in your life to become disciples of Jesus (See *"The 6 Habits of Catholic Intentional Discipleship"* on page 3).
- How you can connect your life to the sacraments and take part in the Eucharist and sacrament of reconciliation on a regular basis.

By using this mission statement as our guide, we will all grow stronger in our personal faith and that will impact the faith lives of our families, parishes and our archdiocese.

February District Gatherings



◀ Parish delegates prayed the new Prayer for the Mission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at the district gathering. "Mission for the Future" was also one of the topics covered during the meeting.



▲ Parish representatives from districts 10 and 13 came together at St. Monica Parish, Whitefish Bay February 26 to focus on key topics relevant to the future of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.



▲ Parish representatives – including members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Milwaukee, worked together to cover topics such as "Your District Now and in the Future" and "How We Need to be Structured for the Future – 2020 Planning for Parishes."



The Six Habits of Intentional Disciples:

Practicing Your “Catholic ID”

Jesus is seeking you in love and calling you into friendship. He invites you to encounter him personally, experience his life-changing presence, and follow him as a disciple in his Church. Below are six ways that we can do just that.

For Adults

- Encounter Jesus in daily prayer time
- Know Jesus in daily Scripture reflection
- Receive Jesus in the Eucharist often
- Seek Jesus’s mercy in reconciliation often
- Serve Jesus in the least often
- Share Jesus in regular parish service

For Youth and Older Children:

- Spend time with Jesus in prayer daily
- Listen to Jesus speak through Scripture daily
- Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass often
- Seek Jesus’s mercy in reconciliation often
- Serve Jesus in the poor and outcast often
- Share your gifts with your parish

For Young Children:

- Talk to your friend Jesus every day
- Learn about Jesus in the Bible every day
- Be with Jesus at Mass
- Say you’re sorry when you hurt someone
- Serve Jesus by helping others
- Help Jesus and His family at your parish

Prayer for the Mission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Almighty and ever living God,
we praise you and we bless you,
for you are great indeed!

Grant, we pray,
as on that first Pentecost,
that tongues of fire may descend upon us,
and that the driving wind of your Holy Spirit
may blow boldly into our hearts.

Loving God, we ask you,
make us effective and holy witnesses
of the death and resurrection
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
increase our faith
through the sacramental life of the Church,
grant us courage to follow you
as faithful disciples.
Embolden us, O God,
so that we may go forth to proclaim
your Gospel and renew the face of the earth.

In this Archdiocese of Milwaukee,
we humbly pray for strength and fortitude
to follow your great commission:
to go and make disciples of all people,
living our faith through word and deed.

Through the intercession of St. John the
Evangelist, patron of the archdiocese,
and Mary, Mother of the Church,
we ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Looking for more ways to show your “Catholic ID”?

Check out the videos! The “Catholic ID” video blog series is available at www.archmil.org/Our-Faith/Catholic-ID.htm. Share it with others.

El ímpetu del Sínodo 2014 para la creación de un nuevo logo arquidiocesano



Durante el Sínodo 2014 que se llevó a cabo el fin de semana de Pentecostés, fue sumamente evidente que el Espíritu Santo estaba presente entre los delegados y observadores, trabajando en maneras extraordinarias al reunirnos para discernir el futuro de la Iglesia Católica en el sureste de Wisconsin. Como resultado de este evento histórico, fuimos inspirados a crear

un nuevo logo arquidiocesano. Este símbolo, nacido del sínodo, refleja la esencia de nuestra identidad católica y la riqueza de nuestra fe.

Representando la Trinidad

- Un viento suave simboliza a Dios Padre - (1 Reyes 19:12)
- La hostia y la cruz representan a Dios Hijo
- La paloma y la llama de fuego simbolizan a Dios Espíritu Santo



Simbolizando los sacramentos de iniciación

- La ola azul indica la iniciación a través del bautismo
- La hostia simboliza el encuentro con Cristo en la Eucaristía
- La llama roja de fuego y la paloma representan el recibimiento del Espíritu Santo en la confirmación

Resaltando la inspiración y la salvación

- La llama de fuego y la paloma captan nuestra apertura al Espíritu Santo
- La cruz significa nuestra redención por el amor de Dios a través de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo

¡Yo creo que este nuevo logo expresa nuestras creencias y el hecho de que como comunidad católica, estamos preparados para encender, renovar y animar la labor de nuestra Iglesia! Por favor continúen orando para que la energía llena del Espíritu que comenzó en el Sínodo y que está surgiendo desde entonces en nuestras parroquias y comunidades, continúe creciendo.

Se escribió una oración para la misión de la Iglesia en el sureste de Wisconsin, la cual está publicada en este boletín en ambas lenguas inglés y español. Invito a las parroquias, las escuelas, las instituciones católicas, las familias e individuos a través de la arquidiócesis para que oren esta oración diariamente.

Oración por la Misión de la Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee

¡Todopoderoso y eterno Dios,
te alabamos y te bendecimos
porque tú eres grande en verdad!

Concédenos,
como lo hiciste en el primer Pentecostés,
que las lenguas de fuego puedan descender
sobre nosotros
y que el viento de tu Espíritu Santo
entre firmemente en nuestros corazones.

Amoroso Dios, te pedimos que,
nos hagas testigos efectivos y santos
de la muerte y resurrección
de tu Hijo, Jesucristo;
aumentes nuestra fe a través de la vida
sacramental de la Iglesia;
Nos des el valor para seguirte
como discípulos fieles.

Anímanos, Oh Dios,
para que podamos salir a proclamar
tu Evangelio y renovar la faz de la tierra.

En esta Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee,
oramos humildemente para la perseverancia
y la fuerza
para seguir tu gran comisión;
de ir y hacer discípulos de todos los pueblos,
viviendo nuestra fe a través de palabra y
de obra.

Pidiendo la intercesión de San Juan el
Evangelista, patrón de la arquidiócesis, y de
María, Madre de la Iglesia, ofrecemos esta
oración a través de Cristo nuestro Señor.

Amén

*Proclamar a Cristo y hacer discípulos
a través de la vida sacramental de la Iglesia.*

Que el Espíritu Santo continúe encendiendo ese
fuego en todos los católicos en la Arquidiócesis
de Milwaukee a medida que nos formemos más
en nuestra fe y seamos más activos viviéndola y
compartiéndola.