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### Synod Newsletter – Reflection Questions for September 2016

We have been producing a Synod Implementation newsletter for parish bulletins every-other month. You can find the most recent one which was distributed September 17/18, as well as previous issues on the archdiocesan website by [clicking here](#). We invite you to provide a link from your parish website to the newsletter.

We also encourage you to use the articles in this newsletter as the basis for a short (10 minute) reflection at upcoming staff and pastoral council meetings. This will help your parish staff and pastoral council stay connected to the new mission for the archdiocese and the pastoral priorities generated by the Synod.

Listed below are some reflection questions to be used as the basis for reflection on the September 2016 newsletter that features the main article: *“Help Wanted: Missionaries for a Church on the move.”*

### Reflection Questions for Parish Staffs and Pastoral Councils

In Archbishop Listecky’s column, *“Help Wanted: Missionaries for a Church on the move,”* he expresses appreciation and need for our ordained and lay ministers in adapting to the changing needs of leadership in today’s Church.

- How are the changing needs of leadership evolving in your parish?
- Are there specific and new ways in which you or your parish are able to intentionally invite people to grow in their faith and become leaders?

“A Welcome Straight from the Heart” highlights the success of St. Alphonsus’ “Bring a Friend to Mass” campaign – an effective formula for any parish.

- Could you see this campaign formula being adapted for your parish?
- What time of year would be the best opportunity for such a campaign?
- How in the past have you individually invited a friend to Mass or could in the future?

Susan McNeil, director of the Nazareth Project for Marriage and Family Formation, shares her own personal transformation in “From Maintenance to Mission.”

- In what ways does her experience resonate with you and your parish?
- How are opportunities for people to encounter Jesus and enter more deeply into a relationship with God being offered?