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Pentecost”

A newsletter devoted to the Archdiocesan Synod.

# Ignite. Renew. Energize.

## Archbishop ListECKI issues Synodal Decree



This past June, the long awaited Synod took place. The event surpassed every expectation I had – giving way to a beautiful renewal

in our Church. The energy, passion and love the delegates displayed for our Lord and His Church was abundantly evident. Many of you commented to me how much it meant to you that we came together as a Church to talk about our future. There was not a doubt that the Holy Spirit was present among

us, working mightily as we discerned the future of our archdiocese.

Last week, I issued a Synodal Decree in advance of my Synodal Declaration, which will articulate and affirm the key priorities for our archdiocese over the next 10-15 years. The 20 months of preparation preceding the Synod and the outcome of the Synod itself tremendously helped to inform this declaration. It was clear to me when I left on Sunday evening of the Synod weekend, that any of the initiatives that were brought to the table could have received my support. Each of the items discussed and prayed about represented

a critical aspect of the mission of our Church. Your involvement and input have been vitally important in this process. For that, I am grateful.

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As I prayed about this declaration and our future as a Church, no three words could better describe how I believe this next chapter in our archdiocese will unfold. A flame has been **ignited**. There's a genuine desire for **renewal**. And, Catholics all over the archdiocese are **energized** to make things happen.

It's an exciting time for our Church!

Over the coming months, you'll receive more communication on how we plan to implement these priorities. Rest assured: This isn't an over-night process. This will continue to take time, prayer and a lot of work on the part of many. I ask that you stay focused on a question that you can impact everyday: How can I bring Christ to the world in a more intentional way – in my

family, my place of work, my parish and in the community?

## Synodal Declaration

- A Synodal Decree was Issued by Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI on September 14, 2014.
- The full Synodal Declaration, which contains all pastoral priorities for the archdiocese for the next 10-15 years, will be available soon at [www.archmil.org/synod-2014.htm](http://www.archmil.org/synod-2014.htm) or on the Archdiocesan Facebook page.
- The Declaration will also be mailed to diocesan priests, religious order priests, permanent and transitional deacons, seminarians, parish directors, Synod Preparatory Commission, Central Office staff, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council members, parish pastoral council Chairs and Catholic school principals this fall.



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When each of us stays focused on this question, it is inevitable that we will grow God's kingdom together. I ask for your continued prayers to help us carry out this mission

of discipleship: to love God and to love one another in a way that will illuminate the hope that Christ gives us through His Church.

## Synod Voting Results

Hundreds of Catholics representing more than 200 parishes, schools and Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee gathered for "Synod 2014" to deliberate on and determine the priorities of the Catholic Church in southeastern

Wisconsin for the next decade and beyond.

Below are the top priorities chosen from the voting process. For a full description of the key initiatives and voting percentages, visit [tinyurl.com/SynodResults](http://tinyurl.com/SynodResults).

### Liturgy

First Priority – 34% – Mass Teaching Resources  
Second Priority – 29% – Weekend Music, Message and Ministries

### Cultural Diversity

First Priority – 22% – Bishops Involved in Social Justice  
Second Priority – 21% – Sharing Parish Process

### Evangelization

First Priority – 23% – Leadership Training Process  
Second Priority – 22% – Catholic Identity Faith Formation

### Formation

First Priority – 26% – Universal Quality Faith Formation  
Second Priority – 20% – Young Adult Opportunities

### Catholic Social Teaching

First Priority – 31% – Multigenerational CST Formation  
Second Priority – 24% – Coordinated Response to Social Issues

### Marriage and Family

First Priority – 30% – Building Catholic Families Campaign  
Second Priority – 18% – Support for Engaged and Married

### Stewardship

First Priority – 27% – Training for Parish Action Groups  
Second Priority – 23% – Multi-Generational Programs

### Leadership

First Priority – 26% – Form Lay Leaders  
Second Priority – 25% – Reduce Administration for Priests

### St. Augustine Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts  
may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too,  
may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy  
Spirit, that I may love only  
what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may defend  
all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that  
I may always be holy.

Amen.



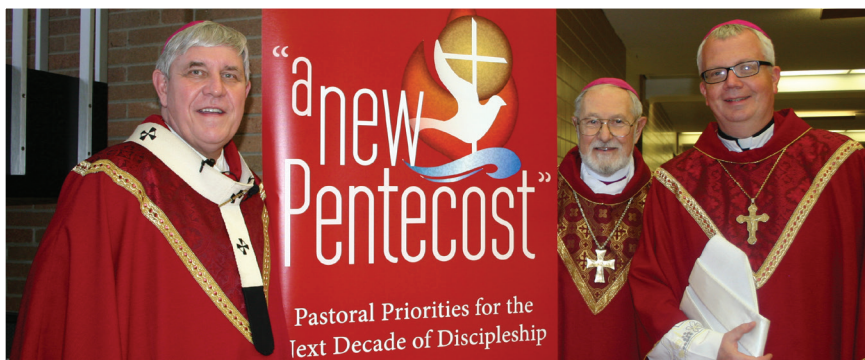
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# Synod Sets Archdiocese on Fire!

With sunshine and a slight wind, Pentecost weekend served as a perfect and glorious weekend to embark on the Synod mission. Pictures say a thousand words.

Here's a glimpse of what took place and the sentiments of some of the participants. To watch the Synod video, go to [www.archmil.org/Synod2014/Videos.htm](http://www.archmil.org/Synod2014/Videos.htm).



“Everybody came here wanting to spread the Word, wanting to do something that will make people want to come to our Catholic Church, and I love that.”

- Reine Assana

“Our small group was really open-minded but of one heart, and really excited to be talking...and a lot about evangelization.”

- Taila Westerby



“I think there is a great sense of hope and a little bit of awe with regard to the interaction of people and the real conviction that God is really present in all of this.”

- Fr. Michael Berry, OCD



# Encendidos. Renovados. Animados.

## Arzobispo ListECKi publica el Decreto Sinodal



Este junio pasado, se dio el Sínodo que tanto esperábamos. El evento sobrepasó todas las expectativas que yo tenía – dando paso a

una nueva renovación en nuestra Iglesia. La energía, la pasión y el amor que los delegados demostraron a nuestro Señor y a Su Iglesia fueron abundantemente evidentes. Muchos de ustedes me comentaron cuanto significaba para ustedes que nos reuniéramos como Iglesia para dialogar sobre nuestro futuro. No hay duda que el Espíritu Santo estaba presente entre nosotros, trabajando mientras discerníamos el futuro de nuestra arquidiócesis.

La semana pasada, publiqué el decreto sinodal en anticipación a mi declaración sinodal, la cual expresará y afirmará las prioridades claves para

nuestra arquidiócesis en los próximos 10-15 años. Los 20 meses anteriores de preparación para el Sínodo y los resultados del Sínodo mismo ayudó enormemente para formular esta declaración. Fue claro para mí cuando me fui el domingo por la tarde del fin de semana del Sínodo, que cualquiera de las iniciativas que se presentaron podían haber recibido mi apoyo. Cada de uno de los puntos dialogados y orados representan un aspecto crítico de la misión de nuestra Iglesia. Su participación y contribución han sido vitalmente importantes en este proceso. Por eso, estoy agradecido.

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Mientras rezo sobre la declaración y nuestro futuro como Iglesia, no hay otras tres palabras que puedan describir de mejor manera cómo creo que se desarrollará el próximo capítulo en nuestra arquidiócesis. El fuego se ha

**encendido.** Hay un deseo genuino para ser **renovados.** Y, los católicos en toda la arquidiócesis están **animados** para lograr que sucedan las cosas.

¡Es un tiempo emocionante para nuestra Iglesia! En los próximos meses, ustedes recibirán más información sobre cómo planificamos implementar estas prioridades. Les aseguro que este no es un proceso que se dará de la noche a la mañana. Esto tomará tiempo, oración y mucho trabajo de parte de muchas personas. Pido que se mantengan centrados en la pregunta que ustedes pueden impactar todos los días: ¿Cómo podemos traer a Cristo al mundo en una manera más intencional – en la familia, en el trabajo, en la parroquia y en la comunidad?

Cuando cada uno de nosotros se mantenga enfocado en esta pregunta, es inevitable que juntos ayudaremos a que el Reino de Dios crezca. Pido por su continua oración para ayudarnos a cumplir esta misión de discipulado; amar a Dios y amarnos los unos a los otros en una manera que ilumine la esperanza que Cristo da a través de Su Iglesia.

