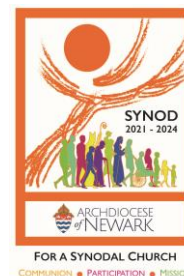


## Wednesday Synod Zoom Meetings Handout



### Presenter on Theme of each week

- Week One      October 4      Synodality      Sr. Donna L. Ciangio, OP
- Week Two      October 11      Communion      Milissa Else
- Week Three    October 18      Mission          Br. Christopher Hall, CFC, Ed.D
- Week Four     October 25      Participation    Bp. Michael Saporito

### Program Schedule

**7PM**            **Welcome and Introduction to the Evening**

**7:05**            **Synod Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

**7:10**            **Presentation on the Theme of the week**

**7:20**            **Scripture Reading and Quiet prayer**

**7:25**            **Breakout Rooms for Faith Sharing**

**Ask for a facilitator to watch the time and a reporter for simple feedback**

- **Facilitator** - Reread Scripture or a quote

#### **Week One: Acts 2:1-4, 14-18, 19**

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together and suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, Let this be known to you and listen to my words.

This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams...

And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below...

**The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God**

#### ▪ **Reflection Questions**

- + What do you hear as a call from the Holy Spirit at this time in your life?
- + In what ways is the Holy Spirit asking you to be a catalyst of walking together in your parish or ministry?

- + What are you hoping will happen as a result of Synod Session One: October 2023?

**7:45 Plenary Session:** Some insights you shared or gained from the group sharing

**7:55 Breakout Rooms**

**Ask for a facilitator to watch the time and a reporter for simple feedback**

- How you are doing with the Welcome, Hospitality, and Outreach planning in your parish?
- Any concrete plans so far?
- What helps might you need from the RCAN Synod Team?

**8:15 Plenary Session:** How are you doing with welcome?

- Any best practices so far?

**8:20 Sending Prayer**

A few moments of quiet prayer –**Who or what do you wish to include in prayer?**

- Post your intercessions in the chat
- Solemn Blessing

+ May our God and Father,  
who in many and various ways  
spoke to our fathers through the prophets,  
direct you and the whole Church  
in fidelity to his word  
and in discernment of his will.

**ALL: Amen.**

+ May the Only Begotten Son,  
sent in the fullness of time  
to manifest to all  
the riches of the Father's mercy,  
keep you in communion with himself  
and your brothers and sisters.

**ALL: Amen.**

+ May the Holy Spirit lead you all,  
and especially the Synodal Assembly,  
to perceive the signs of the times,  
so that, adhering to the will of God in all  
things, you may bear the abundant fruit  
of unity by promoting the life of the Church  
and witnessing to the Gospel.

**ALL: Amen.**

+ And may the blessing  
of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you  
and remain with you forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**8:30 Thank you and keep Pope Francis, Cardinal Tobin, and all Synod participants in your prayer. See you next week!**

