Church of Christ the King 20 Sumter Avenue Albany, NY 12203

SUMMARY OF SYNOD ACTIVITIES FROM FEBRUARY – JUNE 2022

- 1. Established a joint Synod committee for Christ the King, St. Matthew's, and St. Thomas' parishes in February 2022. Members met weekly for prayer, to study the Vatican's Preparatory Document and Vademecum, and to discern how we could bring the synod to our communities. We participated in Diocesan zoom programs and consulted with the Media Office of the General Secretariat of the Synod and other dioceses about synod best practices as we worked together to enable our parishes to participate as fully as possible in the Synod.
- 2. Bulletin announcements with explanation of the Synod and synodality and links to resources were done weekly from February through May.
- 3. Prepared a booklet for parish distribution excerpting the "Seven Attitudes for Synodality" from the Vademecum.
- 4. Questionnaires were developed and made available from February onward to give people a chance to think about the focus of the synod and the primary questions, to submit their thoughts to the parish, and to prepare themselves to participate in listening sessions.
- 5. Prepared a video for parish website explaining the Synod. Put links to Synod resources on parish websites. Included information on parish Facebook page. Prepared and updated posters with the latest information about listening sessions.
- 6. Reached out to parish staff, Pastoral Council, Early Childhood Education program, Faith Formation program and other ministry coordinators and members to invite participation in the Synod process.
- 7. Consulted with and shared materials we developed with other several other parishes whenever requested.
- 8. Met with parishioners after Masses to discuss the Synod and answer questions.
- 9. Attended Vicariate sessions for other areas to experience the process as we prepared for our own listening sessions.
- 10. Developed written materials and presentations for parish listening sessions.
- 11. Recruited and trained facilitators for listening sessions. Conducted three listening sessions at Christ the King parish in May 2022 including one ASL interpreted session for the deaf. Collected parishioner and scribe notes including participants evaluations of the sessions.
- 12. Compiled all responses from written questionnaires received since February and those from Listening Sessions.
- 13. Prepared Synthesis. Submitted draft to Synod committee members and pastor for review during week of June 26, 2022.
- 14. Made final revisions and submitted to Diocese of Albany during the week of July 3, 2022.
- 15. Will make copies of our Parish Report available to parishioners in the Gathering Space and online during the week of July 10, 2022.