



TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT PARISHONERS SAID ABOUT THE SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS!

There is still time attend-one is close to us this Wednesday, Nov. 7 in New Prague.

- See reverse for additional dates and times.

I was very impressed by the prayerfulness and introspection before we even started the discussions. The discussions were very respectful. Everyone shared what they thought was good and bad. The whole sessions will help the Archbishop get the pulse of his flock. The 'open mike' part was very interesting. People gave their hopes and dreams for the Archdiocese to Archbishop Hebda.

I was impressed with the prayer time allotted at the beginning of the session. It emphasized the fact that prayer is a very important part of the Synod process and a very important part of our lives as Catholics.

Discussion at the tables was very enlightening. my only regret is that it was too short."

Thank you to the Archbishop and Bishop for listening We feel some of the issues at Ascension are not being felt at the bigger parishes We seem to be coming an older parish and need to attract younger people The evening was very interesting We think the meetings at the tables should have been longer The noise level in that room was deafening Some of the issues were more in regard to Church doctrine which probably would have to be addressed by the Pope Some of the questions at the end seemed to be staged by various people Sending prayers for the Church and peace to all.

I liked the respectful sharing by members at the table and the respect shown when concerns were brought forward to the Archbishop.

I was surprised to hear many of the same concerns I have regarding my parish were expressed by larger churches at the table.

I like the respect that was given to everyone who given their idea or opinion.

A friend requested that I attend with her and I said yes. I spent a couple of days trying to talk myself out of going to this as 3 hours is a long time. Upon entering we were given a questionnaire to fill out as the archdiocese wants to hear our thoughts. The first hour was mostly prayer and song. This seemed a little long. We then moved to tables of small groups and filled out our questionnaire and started some interesting conversations with others at our table. This time went too quickly. I would have liked to have heard more from others. We then moved back to church and those that wanted to directly speak to Archbishop Hebda could put their name in a basket and if drawn were granted that. He stood patiently and listened to 20 to 30 without interruption. Some of the people think that we are moving too far forward and need to go back to the basics. The other half believed that we are too far back in time and need to move forward into the present time. I have no idea how we can come to a conclusion for policy, but I left feeling that our voices are being heard. I'm praying that whatever comes out of this, God will be pleased.

I came to the Synod listening session at St. Victoria praying to be open to God's will and to be open to what I would hear. I tried to have no preconceived ideas. It was so beautiful when Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens gave us the plan for the evening, saying in part, that we are not here to change Church teachings, but to be open to the Holy Spirit and to each other. They led us in prayerful reflection as a community, in silent meditation and singing the new Pre-Synod Prayer. I prayed to be open to God's will, not mine. My group discussed very respectfully what was working and not working both in their parishes and in the Archdiocese as a whole. I have great respect for Archbishop Hebda as he stood alone in the center of the church, hands behind his back, openly listening with great intensity to his flock sharing from their hearts. Opinions were wide ranging, but all were given and listened to with great respect. This gives me hope and reassures my faith in God that he loves and cares for each of us and for His Church, the Body of Christ.

I found it enlightening to go to a different location for Listening events. I did think a wide variance of opinions were allowed to speak openly (which was good). It might be good motivation for folks who have strong opinions to go to a future pre-synod session (even more than one), as I didn't hear anyone associate the alarming disbelief in the Real Presence (75% of Catholics 40 & under, and 2/3 of all Catholics) with ambiguous aspects of the modern Mass introduced to many Catholic churches in the late 1960's / early 1970's. How can one be silent in the process of bringing young families back to our churches here at Ascension and St. Bernard?

In summary, in these troubling times we must all stand up and fight for our church, and that's one of the good aspects of these pre-synod listening sessions...for us to listen to each other, and encourage each other to speak up (even if our opinions differ).

For more information on the Synod go to: <https://www.archspm.org/synod>

Additional Listening Sessions:

Thursday, November 7, 6 – 9 p.m., St. Wenceslaus, New Prague

Friday, November 15, 6 – 9 p.m., All Saints, Lakeville

Sunday, November 17, 1 – 4 p.m., St Anne – St Joseph Hien, Minneapolis, Bilingual (English and Vietnamese)

Sunday, January 5, 1 – 4 p.m., Holy Cross, Minneapolis, ASL Interpreted

Saturday, January 25, 9 a.m. – noon, St. Peter Claver, St. Paul

Tuesday, January 28, 6 – 9 p.m., Pax Christi, Eden Prairie

Saturday, February 1, 9 a.m. – noon, St. Stephen, Minneapolis, Bilingual (English and Spanish)

Tuesday, February 11, 6 – 9 p.m., Providence Academy, Plymouth

Saturday, February 15, 9 a.m. – noon, Lumen Christi, St. Paul

Tuesday, February 18, 6 – 9 p.m., St. Stephen, Anoka

Thursday, February 27, 6 – 9 p.m., Our Lady of Grace, Edina

Saturday, February 29, 9 a.m. – noon, St. Pius V, Cannon Falls

Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. – noon, Transfiguration, Oakdale

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. – noon, St. Alphonsus, Brooklyn Center, Bilingual (English and Spanish)

Additional Prayer and Listening Events will be held for particular focus groups such as youth, college students, elderly, priests, deacons and religious.

Come Holy Spirit. Make our ears to hear. Make our eyes to see. Make our mouths to speak. Make our hearts to seek. Make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. AMEN.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.



Sunday, November 10, 2019 1:00 - 3:00 pm

"Gift Cards" given away between games!

Concessions available

Play to win your Thanksgiving Turkey!

Matching Grant Fundraiser

Ascension NYA CUF

Sponsored by Catholic United Financial



Intermission Prize

For anyone 15 and under there will be two special drawings for a free bike! Must be present to win.

All you need to do is be there!



**Event Held At : Ascension Catholic Church Basement
323 Reform Street, NYA, MN**

Ascension Catholic United of NYA is helping every generation of our Catholic community thrive and grow. Together with CUF we've raised \$108,913.00 in support of religious education.

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Dear Friend in Christ,

The next National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), is scheduled for the weekend of 10 November 2019 (unless an alternate date has been selected by a particular diocese). The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly in-pew collection, and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million.

Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is responsible for providing the full range of pastoral ministries available in all other U.S. dioceses to those serving in the United States Armed Services, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and for the families of these populations. In other words, the AMS is responsible for the pastoral care of men, women, and children from all U.S. dioceses, who hail from all 50 States and U.S. Territories - including members of your own parish.

I am grateful to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for its approval of the National Collection taken in most dioceses every three years, the first in November 2013, and again in 2016. Funds received from the 2013 and 2016 National Collections provided the means necessary for this Archdiocese to continue to provide the same pastoral care readily available to the almost 1.8 million AMS faithful spread across the globe who serve and who face constant transition and uncertainty. The funds also made possible several new and important initiatives, including the first-ever Catholic military marriage enrichment retreat and widespread certification of catechists at their installations; to begin to build an endowment with a long-term goal of assuring a self-sustaining source of funding; and to continue to underwrite the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program which provides priests to serve in dioceses across the U.S., and to serve as full-time Catholic military chaplains.

Please help me continue to provide priests for the Church and the military chaplaincy and to minister to the Catholic military men and women, and their families, who are part of this global Archdiocese – ***parishioners and families from your diocese*** – with a donation to the 2019 Triennial National Collection for the AMS.

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA



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Queridos amigos en Cristo,

La próxima Colecta Nacional trienal en apoyo para la Arquidiócesis castrense de los EE. UU. (AMS), tomará lugar el fin de semana del 10 de noviembre de 2019 en la mayoría de las diócesis Estadunidense. La AMS no recibe fondos del gobierno o de las Fuerzas Armadas Estadunidense, tampoco tiene parroquias para una colecta semanal, lo cual la hace depender principalmente de donaciones privadas para financiar un presupuesto operativo anual de más de \$ 8.2 millones.

Establecida por el Papa Juan Pablo II en 1985, la Arquidiócesis castrense de los EE. UU. (AMS), es responsable por proporcionar el mismo cuidado pastoral y servicios que otras diócesis católica ofrecen a los católicos miembros de las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos, a los ingresados en las academias militares de los Estados Unidos, a los que están sometidos a tratamiento médico en cualquiera de los 153 centros médicos del Departamento de los Veteranos en los Estados Unidos, Puerto Rico y Guam, a los que trabajan en posiciones civiles con el gobierno federal fuera de las fronteras de los Estados Unidos y sus familias. En otras palabras, la AMS es responsable del cuidado pastoral de hombres, mujeres y niños de todas las diócesis de los Estados Unidos, que provienen de los 50 estados y territorios, esto incluye los miembros de su propia parroquia.

Le Agradezco a la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos por su aprobación de la Colecta Nacional que es tomada en la mayoría de las diócesis cada tres años, la primera en noviembre del 2013 y nuevamente en el 2016. Los fondos recibidos de las Colectas Nacionales del 2013 y 2016 proporcionaron los medios necesarios para que esta Arquidiócesis continúe brindando la misma atención y servicios pastorales que son fácilmente disponibles para usted y su familia, a los casi 1,8 millones de fieles de la AMS que se encuentran en todo el mundo sirviendo las Fuerzas Armadas para proteger y que enfrentan una constante transición e incertidumbre. Los fondos también posibilitaron varias iniciativas nuevas e importantes, incluyendo el primer retiro de enriquecimiento matrimonial católico y la certificación generalizada de catequistas en sus instalaciones; para comenzar a construir una dotación con el objetivo a largo plazo de asegurar una fuente de financiamiento auto sostenida; y continuar suscribiendo el Programa de Seminaristas Copatrocinado que proporciona sacerdotes para servir en las diócesis de los Estados Unidos y para servir como capellanes militares católicos.

Por favor, ayúdenme a continuar proporcionando sacerdotes para la Iglesia y la capellanía militar y para ministrar a los hombres y mujeres militares católicos, y sus familias, que forman parte de esta Arquidiócesis global –**feligreses y familias de su diócesis**– con una donación la Colecta Nacional 2019 para la AMS.

Con sentimientos de inquebrantable gratitud, sigo

Afectísimo en el Señor,

Mons. Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.
Arzobispo Castrense de los EE. UU



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