

Prayer, hard work sustain Synod efforts

By Bishop Matthew H. Clark

Saturday, October 1, will be another important moment in our Synod process.

On that day, one year after the celebration of our General Synod, teams from every parish and faith community in our diocese will gather at 11 regional sites to review the draft of our diocesan pastoral plan. That plan was drawn up in support of parish efforts to implement our Synod priorities.

The draft pastoral plan has involved a monumental amount of work on the part of parish communities, our Synod Implementation Commission, our Pastoral Office staff and countless volunteers who have offered generous support to the effort.

I am happy to tell you that the work done by all of the persons and groups mentioned above has been done in the same spirit that has characterized our Synod process from the beginning.

By that I mean to say that the participants have labored with an explicit and conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance; that their conversations have been honest and trusting even in moments of struggle and disagreement; and that they have displayed a remarkable capacity to put



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their personal preferences aside when convinced that some other choice would better serve the common good.

Without prejudice to the freedom of any participant at the October 1 meetings to offer honest critique of the draft plan, I want to say that I am very proud of the plan and of the people who produced it. They made every possible effort to respond to your expressed desires as they went about their work.

Because of that I do believe that our plan as it will be amended as a result of the October 1 consultation will be of great help to us as we continue to work together to deepen the life of our community and serve the reign of God.

At this critical moment in a process

that has involved so many for so long, I want to renew my request to all of the people of our diocese that we join in support of our Synod through our prayer, fasting and daily works of charity.

You have been so generous in your support of this work that I do not hesitate at all to ask you to continue it for God's blessings on our October 1 meetings.

I don't want to close this week without telling you about a recent trip to Corning. The parishes of the Corning-Painted Post Catholic Community invited me down to preside at a prayer service marking the re-opening of the former St. Patrick School to house the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs of All Saints Academy.

It's not often these days that we open or re-open school space in the Northeast region of our country. I want to congratulate all of the people of the community and say a special word of thanks to Father Bill Spilly, pastor of the community, and to Mr. Vince Moschetti, principal of All Saints Academy.

Thanks for your kind attention to these words. Please don't forget to pray for many blessings on our community through the work of the Synod.

Peace to all.


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