

20.11.20

Dear parents/ carers,

As you know Archbishop Malcolm declared that our Archdiocese should hold a Synod in 2020 to enable us to become the Church that God is calling us to be. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the timetable for this had to be changed. This is the new timetable:

- **By the end of November**, we have been asked to look at the summary list of proposals and let our Synod Members know which you feel are the most important.
- In **March 2021**, the proposals to be voted on will be published.
- Between **March and June 2021**, Synod members **will arrange local reflection and discernment to help inform their vote.**
- The Synod will take place on **16th, 17th and 18th June 2021**
- The Pastoral Plan will be published **on 1st Sunday of Advent (28th November) 2021**

More information can be found at synod2020.co.uk

We are writing to you today to invite you to read the summary proposals and decide which 5 you feel are important and you are drawn to and which 2 affirmations you are particularly drawn to.

The proposals can be found by following this link:

https://synod2020.co.uk/assets/themes/synod/assets/resources/synodSunday/2020_fullSummary.pdf

Please submit the 5 proposals and 2 affirmations that you are most drawn to **to your Parish or Pastoral Area Synod Member**. (A list can be found on the Synod website, but if you can't find details of your representative, please email your response to synod2020@rcaol.co.uk). This will really help inform the discernment of the final Synod Proposals. Please use the number of the proposal e.g. 1.23, 4.12 etc. and the title of the affirmation e.g. Liturgy, Mission etc.

Thank you very much for your support,

Patrick Smyth

Headteacher

THEME 1 – All Called and Gifted by God

DEAR Synod Member,

I have read the summary proposals, and these are the ones I am MOST drawn to from Theme 1:

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | (e.g. 1.23; 1.12 etc.) |

These are the 2 affirmations that I am most drawn to: (e.g. Vocation, Buildings etc.)

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THEME 2 – Sharing the Mission of Jesus

I have read the summary proposals, and these are the ones I am MOST drawn to from Theme 1:

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | (e.g. 2.3; 2.13 etc.) |

These are the 2 affirmations that I am most drawn to: (e.g. Mission, Formation etc.)

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THEME 3 – How We Pray Together

I have read the summary proposals, and these are the ones I am MOST drawn to from Theme 1:

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | (e.g. 3.3; 3.13 etc.) |

These are the 2 affirmations that I am most drawn to: (e.g. Liturgy, Reconciliation etc.)

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THEME 4 – Building Community, Nurturing Belonging

I have read the summary proposals, and these are the ones I am MOST drawn to from Theme 1:

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | (e.g. 4.3; 4.13 etc.) |

These are the 2 affirmations that I am most drawn to: (e.g. Parish, Outreach etc.)

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Signed: Name:

Parish: School: