

## Synod on Synodality 2021-23, Preparation

The Diocese has formed a Synod Coordinating Team to guide this historic process. Details can be found on the diocesan website ([www.diokzoo.org/synod](http://www.diokzoo.org/synod)). If you would like to contribute your time and talent a sign-up page may be found there as well.



The upcoming Synod requires attentive listening. What is the Synod hoping to hear? The Synod hopes to hear the Spirit that guides each of us in all our moments. How has the Holy Spirit touched you and family? That question is an invitation to prayer. If you would include in your prayer and reflection the Synod preparation, it would be appreciated. If you know of any homebound, please extend to them this invitation to prayer. The desert experience feeds the intimacy of their prayer.

Here are a few words to the Holy Spirit as revised by Fr. Ken Schmidt:

*Lord, God, we know that by baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit,*

*You reign in our lives, and you call us to holiness and truth.*

*Renew us that we might be all that you want us to be,*

*so that we live in accord with your desires.*

*We strive to be attentive to your promptings.*

*Help us to do what is right.*

*Grant us the gift of knowledge, to be informed.*

*the gift of wisdom, to use our experience.*

*the gift of understanding, to learn from one another.*

*the gift of right judgment, to make good decisions.*

*the gift of courage, to enact what we decide.*

*the gift of reverence, to trust you.*

*the gift of wonder, to be inspired by you.*

*We ask this in the power of your Spirit,*

*and in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*