



ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us always.

Synodality means walking together as Church. The journey requires us to look at Jesus' example of encounter. When our Holy Father, Pope Francis, opened the Synod on October 10, 2021, he began his homily by reminding us that Jesus was always on a journey, walking beside people in his ministry. Pope Francis asked, "Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey?"

A primary objective of the synod process was to journey together as Church to listen and dialogue. Today, in achieving that objective, I am publishing the report on what the participants shared during the local phase of the Synod on Synodality. I invite you to read the report prayerfully on our archdiocesan website at www.aoaj.org.

I thank everyone who participated in the synod and all who prayed for its success. I also thank the members of the synod committee who spent many hours shepherding and organizing the process. Our report has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The synod process now moves to the Continental phase, where Catholics from regions of the world will gather and synthesize reports this Fall. In October of 2023, representative bishops from around the world will gather in Rome with Pope Francis to discuss the reports from all continents.

As the Synod process moves forward, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct the efforts of our Holy Father and the worldwide Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

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