



**FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH
COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION
MISSION**

This week marks a significant transition in the synod process. Our parish report, generated from conversations that involved over 70 people participating in 16 listening sessions, was submitted to the Diocese of Cleveland over a month ago. The diocese gleaned through our report and others from 160 parishes and diocesan entities representing almost 12,000 different voices. Over 250 delegates, including four from Holy Spirit Parish, attended a day-long meeting at the Public Auditorium on Saturday, June 11th to pray, share, listen and discern the next steps on this synodal journey. As those next steps are identified and announced on the diocesan level, we'll pass the information along.

You can find a draft of a working document that was given to the June 11th delegates at <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/files/assets/june11programbook.pdf>. Among the information provided there, ten priorities for the Diocese of Cleveland were identified. This list will be refined as the process unfolds on the diocesan level. Take a look at it and see if these priorities for the church in northeast Ohio are close to your own.

The gathering last Saturday at the Public Auditorium was not only a culminating moment of the synod process, but it was also the beginning of a Eucharistic Revival for the diocese and the entire United States.

For some time now, a major concern of the bishops has been declining belief in and lack of understanding of the Eucharist among Catholics.

The bishops feel that the church in the United States right now needs (1) healing, (2) unity, (3) formation, and (4) sending. The Eucharist, as the “source and summit of the Christian life,” especially in the context of the Mass, is uniquely capable of being an “efficacious sign of grace” to all those ends.

Over the next three years, every Catholic family is invited to be a part of renewing the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist.

- TOP TEN PRIORITIES**
1. Lifelong Faith Formation
 2. Mission and Outreach
 3. Community and Fellowship
 4. Participation in Liturgy
 5. Listening
 6. Inclusion
 7. Experiences of Prayer
 8. Authority and Governance
 9. Teamwork and Co-responsibility
 10. Vocations

LOGO FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

This logo was commissioned by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland to recognize the convergence of three major events: our participation in Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality, our partaking in the National Eucharistic Revival, and the joyful celebration of our 175th anniversary as a diocese.



DESCRIPTION

At the center of this simple yet striking dichromatic image are the host and the chalice, symbolizing the Eucharist – the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ – the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians. Bold, striking rays pour out from behind the host, symbolic of the inexhaustible grace that flows at every Eucharistic liturgy – grace that turns sinners into saints.

The wide chalice is modeled after a 6th / 7th century Byzantine chalice housed at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the image decorating the cup-portion of the chalice is taken from the logo of the Synod on Synodality; it is the Church walking together on mission.

At the base of the chalice are the letters "CLXXV," which at first glance may appear to be some strange iteration of "CLEVELAND," but in fact represent the Roman numerals for "175," designating the 175th anniversary of our diocese.

Framing the host, chalice, and rays is a square with a Jerusalem-type cross in each corner, crosses that are taken from our diocesan crest. Four words – GATHERED, BLESSED, BROKEN, SHARED – remind us of our Eucharistic identity as the People of God, whose lives take on their fullest meaning only when we give them away in sacrificial love.

Finally, the beautiful blue tone serves as a subtle reminder of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the one who constantly and lovingly encourages us, "Do whatever He tells you" (*John 2:5*).