

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is pleasing to you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 26:2-9,12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.
Saul set off and went down to the
wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by
three thousand men chosen from Israel to
search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.
So in the dark David and Abishai made their
way towards the force, where they found
Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear
stuck in the ground beside his head, with
Abner and the troops lying around him.
Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God
has put your enemy in your power; so
now let me pin him to the ground with
his own spear. Just one stroke! I will
not need to strike him twice.' David

answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for
who can lift his hand against the Lord's
anointed and be without guilt?' David
took the spear and the pitcher of water
from beside Saul's head, and they made
off. No one saw, no one knew, no one
woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep
sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.
David crossed to the other side and halted
on the top of the mountain a long way off;
there was a wide space between them.
David then called out, 'Here is the king's
spear. Let one of the soldiers come across
and take it. The Lord repays everyone for
his uprightness and loyalty. Today the
Lord put you in my power, but I would not
raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4,8-10,12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **[R]**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **[R]**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults **[R]**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his
sons, the Lord has pity on those
who fear him. **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49.

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to
the Corinthians.**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,
became a living soul; but the last Adam
has become a life-giving spirit. That is,
first the one with the soul, not the spirit,
and after that, the one with the spirit.
The first man, being from the earth, is
earthly by nature; the second man is from
heaven. As this earthly man was, so are
we on earth; and as the heavenly man
is, so are we in heaven. And we, who
have been modelled on the earthly man,
will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new
commandment: love one another,
just as I have loved you, says the
Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

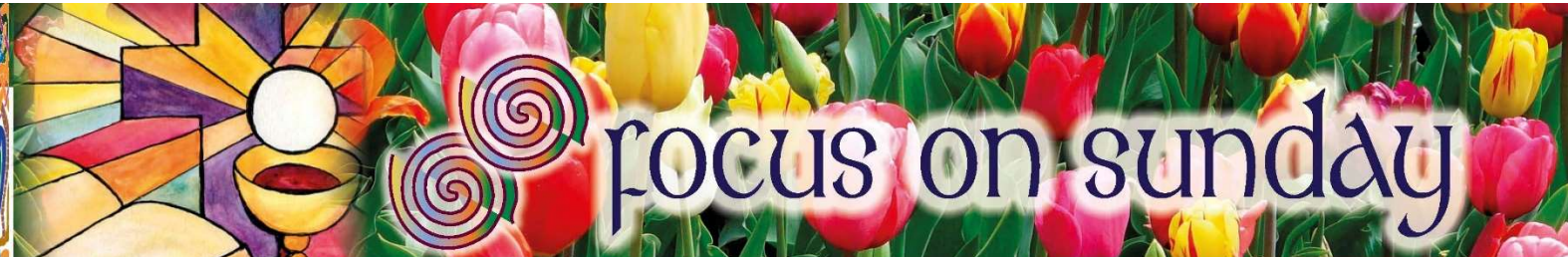
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you
who are listening: Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate you, bless those
who curse you, pray for those who treat
you badly. To the man who slaps you on
one cheek, present the other cheek too; to
the man who takes your cloak from you,
do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone
who asks you, and do not ask for your
property back from the man who robs you.
Treat others as you would like them to treat
you. If you love those who love you, what
thanks can you expect? Even sinners love
those who love them. And if you do good
to those who do good to you, what thanks
can you expect? For even sinners do
that much. And if you lend to those from
whom you hope to receive, what thanks
can you expect? Even sinners lend to
sinners to get back the same amount.
Instead, love your enemies and do good,
and lend without any hope of return. You
will have a great reward, and you will be
sons of the Most High, for he himself is
kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
'Be compassionate as your Father is
compassionate. Do not judge, and
you will not be judged yourselves;
do not condemn, and you will not be
condemned yourselves; grant pardon,
and you will be pardoned. Give, and
there will be gifts for you: a full measure,
pressed down, shaken together, and
running over, will be poured into your
lap; because the amount you measure
out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,



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who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy
Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due,
we humbly ask you, that what we offer to
the honour of your majesty may profit us
for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come
again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and
my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**I will recount all your wonders, I will
rejoice in you and be glad, and sing
psalms to your name, O Most High.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of the
salvation which is pledged to us by these
mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.



**It is natural to stand up to people and 'get even' with them. The message
of the gospels runs differently: we must learn to be as compassionate
and forgiving as God our Father is when we turn to Him for forgiveness.**



Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate



Compassion is, to my mind at least, not one of those skills that can
be learned. I often think that compassion is quite impossible to
explain but rather, is an intuitive awareness of the gift that offering
a compassionate experience is. While a key element of my health
care pastoral ministry toolbox, it is something that is intrinsic in the
person who strives to offer an experience of compassion in an authentic way. It is not
learned or forced. Compassionate care is an experience to be shared and is known
often without the use of words or platitudes but rather through the awareness that
someone cares for me right now as I struggle to make sense of it all. Indeed, having
recently taught a workshop on compassionate care, I came to the conclusion that
compassion is one of the most important things we can offer to anyone pained and
struggling, while also being one of the most challenging. It is so hard sometimes to
be compassionate even when we want to be.

The liberation theology movement has I believe compassion at its heart. It reminds
us of our call to be compassionate, to be present to the struggle of the 'other'. It
reminds us of God's 'preferential option for the poor' – the poor in mind, body and
spirit and how each of us are challenged and called to be agents of this preferential
treatment. It reminds us to walk that road that can at times be less travelled and offer
the hand of God to those we would rather walk away from.'

Margaret Naughton, Compassion and Ministry, in Sacred Heart Messenger, March 2022. www.messenger.ie



Jesus' Story

Imagine Jesus asking you and me to love those who steal from us and
treat us badly. Yet even those who jeered him on the way to Calvary and
the thief on the cross were treated very well by our friend Jesus. Did he
not say 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do?'



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm
Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses Streamed on Webcam:

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate
7 pm SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Months Mind Mass This Friday 18th February for Joe Monaghan at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church. This Sunday 20th February for Tony Quinn at 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church. Next Sunday 27th February for Nancy Burke at 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church.

First Anniversary Masses This Friday 18th February for Lynn Connolly at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church. Next Sunday 27th February for Tom Ryan, at 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Bee Smyth, Kathleen McAlinden, Kieran O'Gorman, Ciaran O Lionain, William & Nellie Kent and deceased family members, Jack, Margaret & Jackie Riordan.

Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish.

As well as the usual way to donate to your parish you can also use our new method of using the QR code (here) which is also placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way for you to support your parish using your smart phone.



Parish Tax Rebate Scheme: If you are part of the Tax Rebate Scheme where the parish benefits, you're new box of envelopes are available in the sacristy. If you're interested in being part of the scheme please contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass and Baptismal Bookings: Baptisms celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. If you are intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you to book through the Parish Office. Email office@shannonparish.ie or phone 363243.

Last Sundays collection: €2,131. Míle Buíochas.

The next Second Collection will be taken up on the weekend of February 25-27th to support and train parish ministries as we journey into the future.

Adoration Chapel: Monday to Friday 2-6pm daily.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration on Sunday in SS John and Paul resumes on January 9th from 2-6pm

Celebrating Diamond Jubilee
1962- 2022

60 Years of St. Senan's National School

Celebrating over half a century of service to the community!

Celebratory Mass
Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022
at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church

Chief Celebrant Bishop Monahan

All patrons welcome!

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for 2022

FEBRUARY -For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

New Parish Secretary

On March 1st our Parish Secretary Teresa Woods will retire having given 17 wonderful years of dedication and loyalty to our parish.



We thank God and say 'Thank You' Teresa for everything you have done, but especially as you mirrored the face of Christ to the countless numbers who called to the office, and for all the assistance and support you have offered.

We wish you a very happy retirement and God's blessing for the next stage of your life, for you and Gerry.

Jemma McEvoy will assume her role as Parish Secretary on March 1st. We wish Jemma every blessing and good wishes.

From March 1st the Parish Office Hours will change to longer hours of opening - Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm. We continue to look forward to serving our community through the blessings of the parish office.



A Gentle Reminder the wearing of masks or face visors, and sanitising of hands is mandatory in the Church.
Do continue to stay safe.

Among the Feast Days this week is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, celebrated on Tuesday the 22nd February.



This feast has been celebrated in Rome since at least the fourth century. It signifies the unity of the Church founded upon the Apostles. We celebrate the doctrine that "Christ the Lord... made Peter and his successors His vicars, to exercise forever in the Church the power which He exercised during His mortal life."

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." – Matthew 16:18-19

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that no tempests may disturb us, for you have set us fast on the rock of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. – Roman Missal

When is your Christian Name Saints Feast Day?

Visit www.universalis.com/today and each day you will find information on Saint/Blessed of the Day.

60 Years of St Senan's National School

St. Senan's School proudly opened its doors for the first time on the 1st of February 1962. Initially the school was opened as a temporary Catholic School as the enrolments needed were not guaranteed. However in a short space of time it grew from strength to strength and has created a wonderful legacy over the last 60 years. On the first day of opening it had 10 children enrolled those of whom began the first role of honour that has continued to be decorated by hundreds of other names that have passed through the doors of the school. As we know a school is nothing more than bricks and mortar without the vibrancy within created by the pupils, the staff and the parent body as well as the pastoral care team, the neighbours and friends of the St. Senan's community.

We have been blessed to have had and continue to have so many diligent and dedicated leaders associated with our school. Carmel Kenny, Brendan Vaughan, Mary Fitzgerald, Sally O'Neill and Tori Dillon have made an intricate contribution to the moulding of the school community that St. Senan's boasts today. Their hard work and commitment is evident by how the school has evolved and developed over time in order to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

The school has a very proud past and is very much at the core of the creation of the town that Shannon is today. Many families have links and connections with the school with many having seen numerous generations attend the school.

The place is steeped in history and while society and personnel continuously change the ethos and mission of the school remain the same always keeping the pupils to the fore of every decision, ensuring each child is given the opportunity to reach their full potential in a harmonious environment.

With any celebration of history it can also bring a sense of sadness when we think of the friends that we have lost from our St. Senan's community however these fond memories will also draw us back to special and significant events that each of these people contributed to. As we move forward we continue to strive to meet the ever changing needs of society. The history of St. Senan's is not complete but instead is beginning an exciting new chapter of its life. Today we acknowledge the continued commitment from all members of the St. Senan's school community and wish everyone health, happiness and success in their endeavours.

Compiled by Mrs O Leary

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 2nd.

Parish Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church, 12.15pm and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at the Parish Masses, and at the Adoration Chapel at 1pm. The 7pm evening Mass on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in SS John and Paul Church will resume for Lent.

Pope Francis, the Vicar of Christ in the Chair of St Peter, says that Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity, thereby sharing in Jesus' mission of the salvation of the world.

Renewal of Faith

'At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit,' - Pope Francis. 'This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.'

Accept the truth and testify to it

Pope Francis says that accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. He always emphasises that this truth is not an abstract concept for an intelligent few but a message for all those whose hearts are 'open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it.'

'Christ is this truth', and fasting is a form of self-denial, which helps those who undertake it to rediscover God's gift and that because we are created in his image and likeness, we can find our fulfilment in him.

'In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared.' It is in this way, Pope Francis says, that we can free ourselves from all that weighs us down, including the lure of consumerism or an excess of information, 'so as to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.'

Hope as "living water"

Pope Francis cites the meeting between the Samaritan woman and Jesus at the well, and how this changed the course of the Samaritan woman's life forever. 'The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her "living water" (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material

water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint.'

'Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father's forgiveness.'

Lent is precisely the season of hope, he says, for it is a time when 'we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. [Laudato Si'](#), 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others.'

Having received forgiveness ourselves, Pope Francis says, enables us to offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and 'to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain.' God's forgiveness, when offered through our words and actions, also enables us to experience "an Easter of fraternity". 'In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference" ([Fratelli Tutti](#), n.224).

Pope Francis also says that this invitation to experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realisation that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6).

To experience Lent with love

Following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope, Pope Francis says. 'Love is a 'leap of the heart', which brings us out of ourselves and create bonds of sharing and communion.'

In this time of Lent the faithful are encouraged to speak words of reassurance to those feeling abandoned and isolated and to help others to realise that God loves them as sons and daughters. As Pope Francis wrote in the encyclical [Fratelli Tutti](#), it is only love that will enable humanity to rise above this time of increased isolation and build a civilisation of love where effective paths of development are available for everyone. (n.183) 'A small amount, if given with love,' Pope Francis says, 'never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. ... Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.'

The Holy Father encourages the faithful to view every moment as an opportunity for believing, hoping and loving. 'The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.'

LENT | A Better Tomorrow

'The Lord's Prayer gives me courage, hope and strength in tough situations.'

(Thandekile)



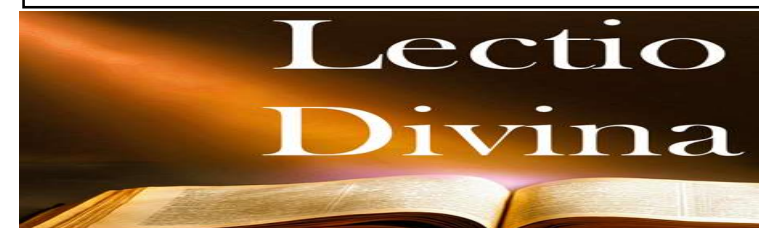
Trócaire boxes for the Season of Lent will be distributed to our schools, and available from both Church's.

Trócaire's Lent 2022 resources for parishes can be found on this page <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/>. These resources include Reflections on the Way of the Cross and religious education resources for children.

Trocaire are also hosting a series of workshops during Lent 2022 and you can find out more and sign up at <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/>

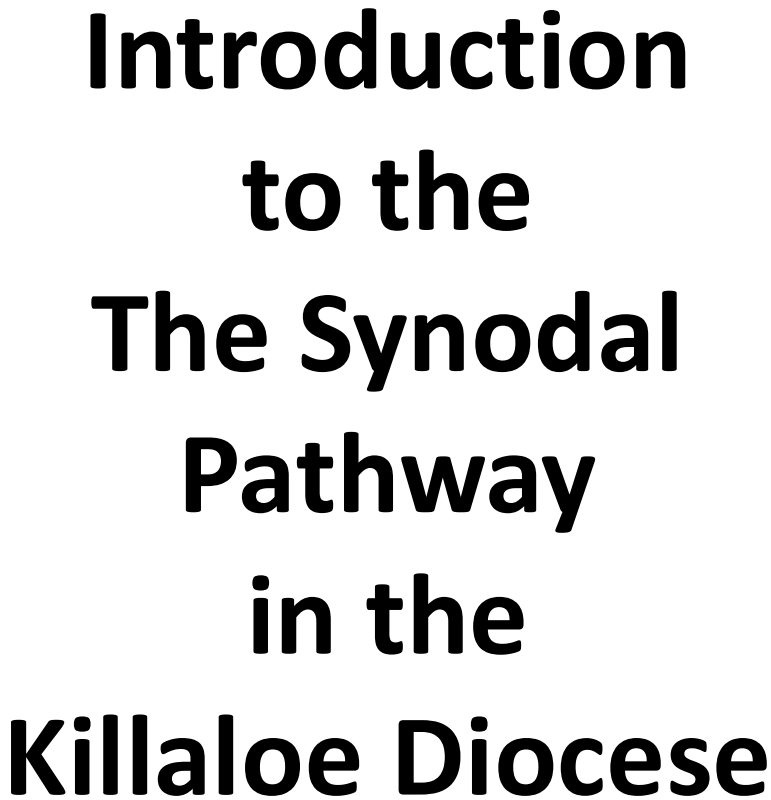
If you would like more information on any of Trócaire's resources or Lent 2022 activities, please contact Colm Hogan at colm.hogan@trocaire.org

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Lectio Divina (Reflective reading of the Sunday Gospels) during Lent will begin on Tuesday March 8th following the 10am morning Mass and continues for 4 Tuesday's.

A PowerPoint update on our Synodal Pathway for your information is attached to this newsletter.





Pope Francis has called a Synod of the whole Church. Everyone is called to be involved. The Synod began last October and will culminate in Rome in 2023. Every parish and diocese is asked to give input.



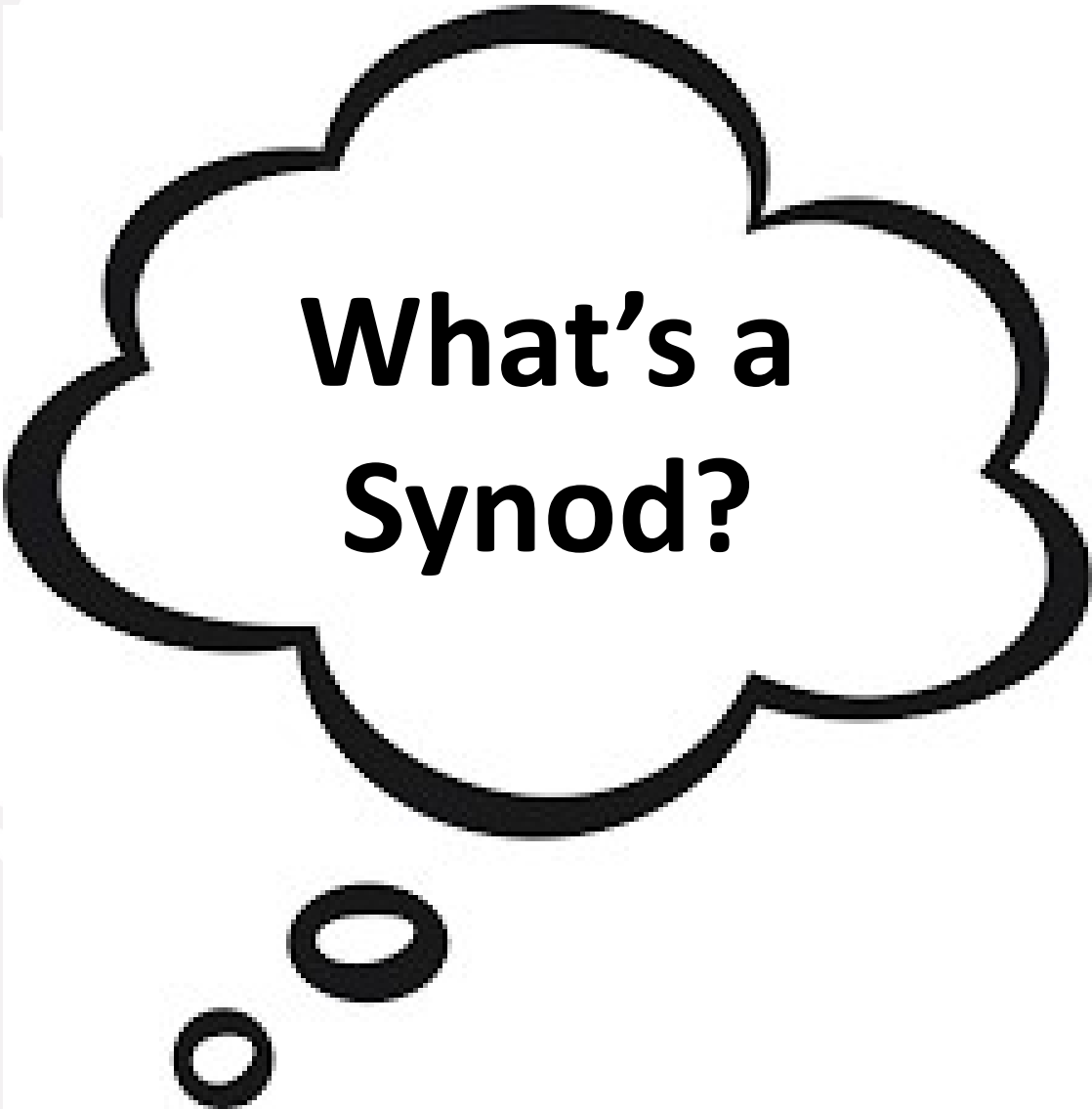
We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal
life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



**What's a
Synod?**



Syn

Hodos

*The meaning of the word
“Synod” is “journeying
together”*

A Journey ... a pathway ...

*A Church which walks
together*

*A way of being Church ...
Synodality*

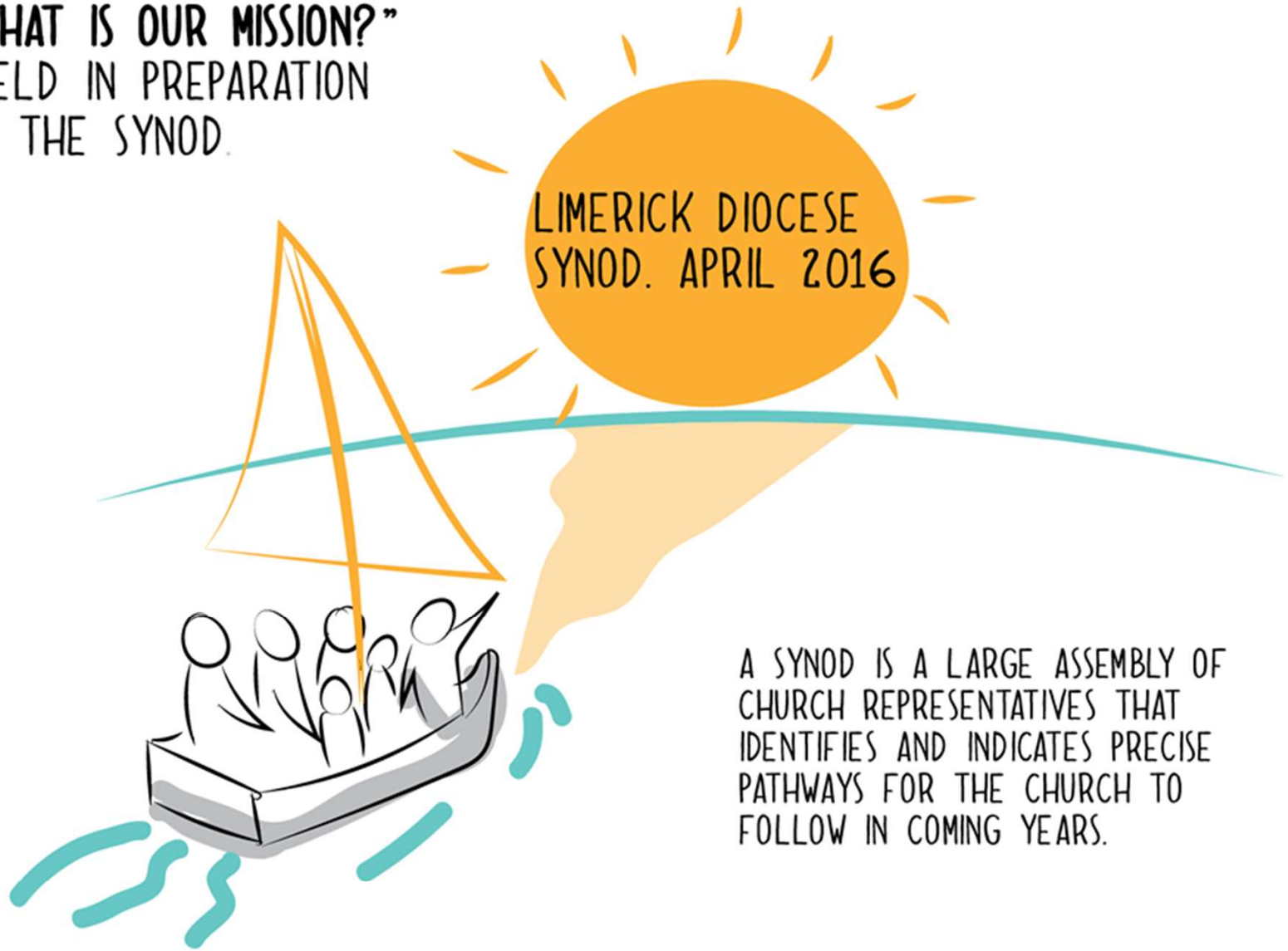
... an Event ...



A meeting of the Bishops from around the world to consider issues of critical importance to the life of the Church.

"LIMERICK: WHAT IS OUR MISSION?"
IS BEING HELD IN PREPARATION
FOR THE SYNOD.

LIMERICK DIOCESE
SYNOD. APRIL 2016



A SYNOD IS A LARGE ASSEMBLY OF
CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES THAT
IDENTIFIES AND INDICATES PRECISE
PATHWAYS FOR THE CHURCH TO
FOLLOW IN COMING YEARS.





The Bishops of Ireland have called a Synod for which preparations will begin next year.

This is to look at the future of the Irish Church.

The last National Synod was held in Thurles in 1850. Brought huge change.



For this year (2022) our focus is on the Global Synod which is on the theme of Synodality.

Pope Francis asks us as Christian Communities to reflect on how we are becoming a Church which is synodal, how we are becoming a listening Church which walks together.

By taking part in this process, we will learn what it means to be a Synodal Church.





What is the Spirit saying to the Church at this time?

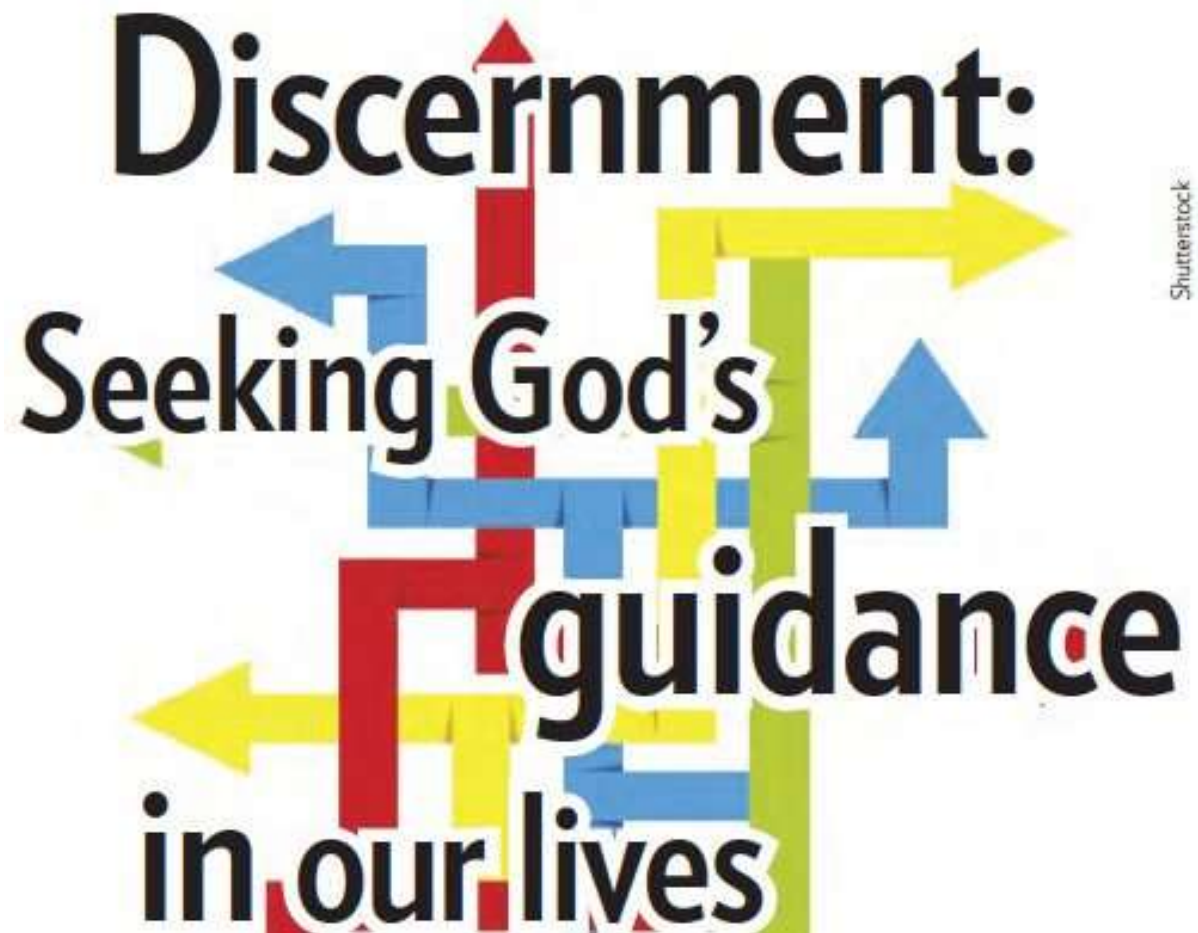
Listening to the Spirit and listening to each other



Not a debate ... not a discussion...

A time of
Reflection
Prayer
Discernment

Discernment:
Seeking God's
guidance
in our lives



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Pope Francis believes that the Church for the third millennium must be synodal, collegial, an 'inverted pyramid', in which the People of God are primary and the hierarchy in all its forms are there to serve the People in whom the Holy Spirit is present.



Pope

Cardinals

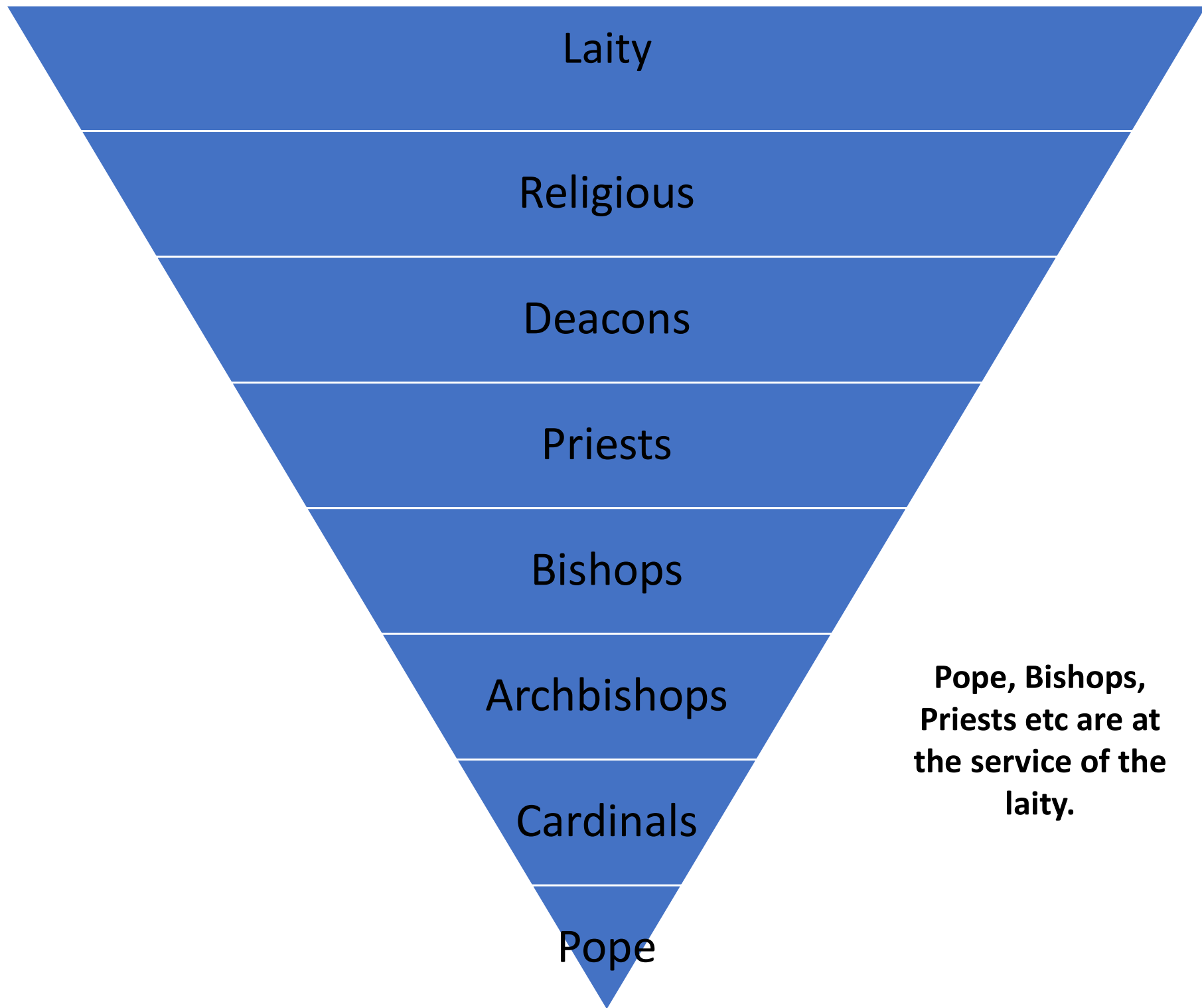
Archbishops

Bishops

Priests

Deacons

Laity - The People



**Pope, Bishops,
Priests etc are at
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laity.**

- Pope Francis is trying to encourage a more adult, participatory Church, where there is greater involvement by lay people in all aspects of the life of the Church, including decision-making.

- He has convoked a Synod with a difference which will continue for two years.

- Pope Francis wants the Church in every place to have a voice at this Synod



For a synodal Church
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- It's about involving the whole People of God in a process of consultation, listening and discernment.
- Biggest consultation process ever undertaken...
- Pope Francis has asked that consultation take place in every parish in the world
- And that every effort be made to reach out to those who feel outside the Church



Synodal Process 2021 – 2022

Stages and Phrases

First Phase: October - December 2021

- Diocesan Opening Liturgy 17th October Ennis Cathedral
- Initial Communications to All Parish Newsletters
- Develop a Communication Strategy/Plan
- Determine Questions to be presented (DPC)

Second Phase: January – February 2022

- Communication to Local Parish/Pastoral Area Groups
- Zoom Meetings with Priests/ Pastoral Councils & interested others
- Training sessions for Local Facilitators (February)

Third Phase: March 2022

- Facilitated Local (Parish/Pastoral Area) Gatherings
- Feedback sent to Diocese
- Web Form Submissions (individuals)

Fourth Phase: April - May 2022

- Diocesan Assemblies – East & West
- Collation of Feedback at Diocesan Level
- Final Form Submissions (individuals and meeting groups)

Fifth Phase: June - July 2022

- Prepare Digital Submission
- Deliver Killaloe Submission to Bishops Conference







The Consultation Process or Synodal Process: Working out what we will do.

A working group of 5/6 to be convened by each Parish. This will include members of the Pastoral Council(s) and others who are interested in being involved. This group may draw on others to help with different aspects of the process/

What needs to be thought about:

- Will we do this as a Parish or a Pastoral Area?
- Who will be part of the listening/consultation process?
 - Those already involved in parish groups?
 - Those who participate in Church liturgies?
 - Those who participate occasionally?
 - Those who no longer participate?
 - Those who belong to other churches?
- How will information about the synodal process be communicated and to whom?
 - Parish newsletter updates; parish website & social media platforms; local papers etc.
- When will it happen? (The Diocese has designated first four weeks of March as a period of listening).
- Where will it be held? Will we have one meeting dividing up into smaller groups or a number of meetings in smaller groups.
- Who will facilitate the listening process?
 - (Are there people in the parish or pastoral area who would be comfortable facilitating or co-facilitating the process? (Training will be offered in February).
- Who will act as recorders/scribes at the conversations?