



Thursday, 22 August 2019

Dear Lay and Clerical Delegates to Synod, Officers of Synod, Lay Incumbents, and Youth Delegates:

Bishop Bruce has summoned the 85th (Ordinary) Session of Synod of the Diocese of Quebec to meet on November 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2019 at the Monstère-des-Augustines, in Quebec City. It is located in close proximity to Synod Office and the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Please find enclosed a number of documents including:

- Bishop Bruce's Summoning of Synod. The Incumbent of each parish shall read the notice summoning Synod at the first main Sunday service after receiving it and shall give further notice on one other Sunday before the Session.
- Nomination Form
- Nomination FAQ
- Synod Registration Form

Motions or notices of motions, with the names of the mover and secondary, shall be submitted to me not less than 45 days beforehand. Motions may still be presented in writing beyond this date (See Canon 6).

Every proposed amendment to the Canons or the Constitution of the Diocese of Quebec must be submitted to a Diocesan Executive Council (D.E.C.) meeting, the meeting that is at least 60 days before Synod. I therefore invite you to send me any proposed amendments. **The deadline for such proposed amendments is on or by Sunday, September 15, 2019.**

You are asked to send me the names of Synod members who have departed this life since the last meeting of Synod in November of 2015.

Should you not be able to attend Synod, you are requested to advise Synod Office immediately.

Most of the Synod documents will be available in electronic format (PDF format). In addition, Internet should be available at Synod, so you are invited to bring your e-device to download and consult documents during the various Synod sessions.

Subsequent mailings will be made prior to Synod.

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A number of other important details...

- Keep all of your travel receipts. A reimbursement form will be made available at Synod. The travel expenses will be approved by the D.E.C. in the coming weeks.
- It is **IMPERATIVE** that you register as soon as possible. All this requires a lot of coordination. Last minute requests will be difficult to arrange.
- Those who wish to be an observer and require accommodation/meals, you are requested to contact Church House.
- Synod is open to observers, but seating is limited. There is no need to register if you are not in need of accommodation or meals.
- If you are a **NEWCOMER**, please try to make it to the Bishop's meeting for first time delegates to be scheduled on November 21st.
- Should you wish to have a table or area for exhibits, please contact Church House so that arrangements can be made and confirmed. Space is limited.
- For the closing Sunday Eucharist, clergy are asked to robe; lay readers are asked to vest.

Looking forward to seeing you at Synod...

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