



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY – DIOCESAN SYNTHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings.

A report that synthesized all the contributions of the faithful and the broader community, in response to the Synod surveys and listening sessions in the Archdiocese of Kingston, was finalized. In keeping with the request of the Vatican, this report has been sent to the ACBO last week. It will be integrated into the Provincial report, which will be submitted to the CCCB and, from there, shared with the Vatican.

At the conclusion of the Participation phase of the Synod, 2645 individuals had submitted responses to the Synod questions. The thousands of comments shared by those who participated in the synodal process are a great blessing to us, particularly as we listen to how the Holy Spirit is calling us to live as the Body of Christ in our current age. This would not have been possible without the willing collaboration of the many individuals who gave of their time to design an engagement process, facilitate listening sessions, analyze results and, most importantly, offer heartfelt responses to the questions posed. I wish to thank **everyone** who answered the call to listen to the Holy Spirit and to participate in the Synod. This includes the members of the Archdiocesan Synod Team, parish Synod coordinators, clergy and religious, school board staff, and especially all who responded to the questions in the two surveys.

A report of the Synod responses will be made available to the faithful of the Archdiocese in the coming months. It is our great hope that this document will be for us a stimulus to further listening and dialogue leading to concrete action in building up the Body of Christ within the parishes of the Archdiocese. I look forward to continuing this synodal journey in a spirit of gratitude and humility, as we prayerfully reflect on all that has been shared and plan our next steps, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston