

The Synod: Walking Together

IMPORTANT DATES:

First Monday of each month

The Loss of Spouse Support

Group will meet on *Zoom* from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on October 2nd.

We have coffee meet-ups in person as well. If you know anyone who could benefit, please e-mail

LossSpouseSupport@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 11

Friends of Mercy prayer time at 3:00 p.m. on *Zoom* with Cathie and Francine. Link to be sent out soon.

Monday, October 16

Our **Connect and Grow** evenings will continue this year with an online session on Monday, October 16th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join via this *Zoom* link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83595390553>. This is an opportunity for all visitors to share confidentially their visiting experience in order to grow and deepen their faith. All are welcome!

October 20 and 21

An *Office for English Pastoral Services* event:

- Oct. 20th - 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Watch the film *Of Gods and Men*
- Oct. 21st - 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Synodal conversation at St. Monica Parish. Please see [The Grapevine](#) for further details.

As the Roman Catholic Church begins the historic meetings of the Synod in Rome, we are called to reflect on what it means to be Church, what it means to walk together, to listen deeply. In our ministry of visiting those who are sick, those who are often marginalized because of illness, physical, psychological, and spiritual, we can make a difference. We can go to the margins, in places where we may not be comfortable, to bring Christ's love, compassion and light. The renewal of the church are acts such as these. At the Pre-Synodal retreat, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe O.P. says: "Renewing the Church, then, is like making bread. One gathers the edges of the dough into the centre, and spreads the centre into the margins, filling it all with oxygen. One makes the loaf by overthrowing the distinction between the edges and the centre, making God's loaf, whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, finding us." To follow the Synod events during the month of October, [click here](#).

Basic Formation

A basic formation for new volunteers will take place in November ONLINE.

- **Friday, November 3rd**
 - 4:00-6:00 p.m.:
 In-person drop-in to meet and do police checks for new and existing volunteers at St. John Brébeuf Parish in LaSalle.
- **6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.:**
 Module One (Online/In Person)
- **Saturday, November 4th**
 - 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.:
 Sessions Two and Three (Online)
- **Friday, November 10th**
 - 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.:
 Module Four (Online)
- **Saturday, November 11th**
 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.:
 Modules Five and Six (Online)

You can register to become a new volunteer [HERE](#). Formation in French is also available. Consult [our website](#) for more information. Please spread the word about this formation in your circles.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who attended our annual PHC retreat. We had a beautiful, sunny day in a stunning venue with over 50 people participating.

Irene Miller led us in the theme *Open Our Hearts, O Lord* and it was a time of spiritual grace and refreshment for our souls!



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