

# THE LISTENING CHURCH



A mural of the Holy Spirit painted in the apse of the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul.



- What is the purpose of the Synod?
  - Help the Bishop
  - Draw on the gift of the faithful
  - Promote unity
  - Lead us to



- Responsibility
  - Your needs
  - Your desires
  - Have the right and duty
  - Make your opinion known



- Why conduct a Synod now?
  - Bankruptcy
  - Other issues
  - Pastoral needs



- What is a Listening Church?
  - A “sincere and respectful ‘mutual listening’ in which everyone has something to learn.”
  - Listen to the Holy Spirit, the ‘Spirit of Truth’

(Jn 14:17)

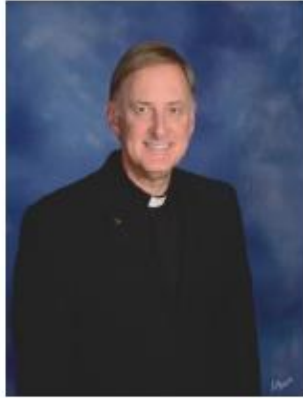


- How do all of us participate in the Synod?
  - Attend Listening event
  - Pray
  - Surveys
  - Parish small group
  - Give written feedback
  - Archbishop Hebda to attend Listening events



- What is Archbishop Hebda's hope?
  - God's desires
  - Deeper love of the Lord
  - Grow in love

# SYNOD AMBASSADORS



Father Brian Fier



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# Pre-Synod Prayer for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love.

AMEN

Mary Mother of the Church

Pray for us.