



WEEK 4 JOURNEYING TOGETHER

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTION

We must continue along this path. The world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission. It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.

What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word “synod”. Journeying together — laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome — is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice.

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS Paul VI Audience Hall Saturday, 17 October 2015

(pause for a moment of silent reflection)

PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life,
we call upon you to lead us forth united.
Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.
Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.
May we experience renewal in our local Church today,
and for generations to come.
We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,
who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church,
to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.