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## Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis solemnly convoked the Church in synod last weekend in Rome. The path entitled “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission” will likewise be opened in all local dioceses this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2021. In this period of synod, we are invited to reflect on the following:

*A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together:” How is this “journeying together” happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?*

*In order to respond, you are invited to:*

- ask yourselves what experiences in your particular Church the fundamental question calls to mind;*
- reread these experiences in greater depth: What joys did they provoke? What difficulties and obstacles have they encountered? What wounds have they brought to light? What insights have they elicited?*
- gather the fruits to share: Where, in these experiences, does the voice of the Spirit resound? What is he asking of us? What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken? Where do we register a consensus? What paths are opening up for our particular Church?*

In his homily during the solemn Mass at St Peter’s Basilica last Sunday, Pope Francis invited all the faithful to journey together and hoped that we might be “pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Spirit. ... (and not to miss out) on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening, and discernment.”

Thank you to our Board of Studies

As we near the end of the academic year, our Board of Studies concluded their final meeting for 2021 this morning. I would like to offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the following who have made up our Board of Studies for 2021: Fr Merv Duffy, Fr John Owens, Fr Brendan Daly, Susan Wilson, Mayte Ramos, Mark Hangartner, Christopher Longhurst and most especially to our student representative, Joseph Mijares.

Stephen Filipo

Some of you will remember Stephen Filipo who studied at Good Shepherd a few years ago. He has been accepted for ordination for the Archdiocese of Suva, Fiji. He will be ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday October 23rd at 9.00 am (Fiji time). The Liturgy will be streamed-live on the Archdiocese of Suva Facebook page. Please pray for Stephen.

## Jubilee Bursaries

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**for Semester 1, 2022**

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## Fr Brendan Daly on Synodality



**Synodality** means the active participation of all members of all the church in its processes of discernment, consultation and cooperation at all levels of decision-making and mission. The Second Vatican Council introduced synods of bishops to the life of the church, and they have been very effective for the universal church. Since Vatican II, synods of bishops have

usually met every two years. But Pope Francis understands that synodality is much more than this and believes that the church must find new ways to live and work in the world using the prayer, advice and experience of all members, including the laity at the parish, diocesan, national and international levels.

In November 2013, Pope Francis expressed his dream of what a renewed church could be like:

I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself. As John Paul II once said to the Bishops of Oceania: 'All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is

not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion' (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in Oceania*, 22 November 2001).

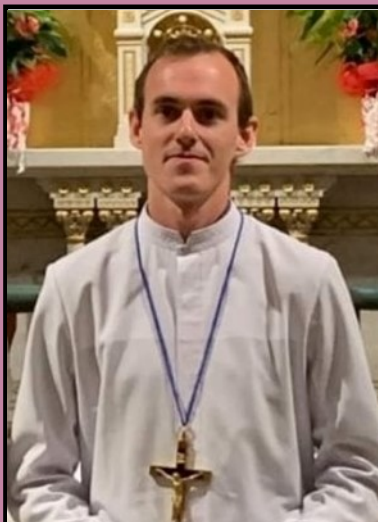
Pope Francis believes that this renewal of the church cannot be deferred. He has stated 'the path of synodality is the path that God expects from the Church of the third millennium.'

This year, the International Theological Commission, appointed by the pope, published *Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church* with the approval of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the authorisation of Pope Francis.

Pope Francis considers synodality as a 'constitutive dimension of the Church'. The International Theological Commission stated that 'the ecclesiology of the People of God emphasises in fact the common dignity and mission of all the baptised, in the exercise of the multiform and ordered wealth of their charisms, their vocations, their ministries ... concretely manifest and realise [the church] being a communion in walking together, in gathering together and actively participating in all its members in its mission evangelising.'

Synodality applies at all levels of the church. Synodality applies at the universal level in the relationship of the pope to the bishops and the local churches. Synodality already exists in bishops' conferences, diocesan pastoral councils, priests' councils, colleges of consultors and parish councils. The participation of the laity is required in other structures and organisms, such as in the selection and training of seminarians and novices. More importantly than the structures, there needs to be a conversion of minds and hearts, because without this structures will be 'simple masks without heart or a face'.

## Ordinations



With gratitude and joy the Society of Mary is pleased to announce the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Hayden Ian Powick, SM.

Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, by His Eminence John Cardinal Dew, Archbishop of Wellington.

We invite you to pray for Fr Hayden Powick, a former student of the Good Shepherd College (now CTC) from 2014-2017. We give thanks for his ministry and vocation.



Our prayers for our newly ordained deacons: Dc Alfred Tong, Dc Adam Kirkeby and Dc Monty Bamford

Photo with Archbishop Paul Martin Sm, on their Ordination to the Diaconate on October 02, 2021.