

Sending of Delegates to Diocesan Synod

This rite should take place at some point after Communion (if during the Celebration of the Eucharist) and prior to The Dismissal. A Warden or another appropriate church leader other than a lay or clergy delegate to Synod leads this sending.

Leader Hear again these words from the First Epistle of Peter: “Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... you are God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into marvelous light.”

Friends in Christ, this week, from Wednesday evening until Saturday afternoon, representatives from congregations across the Diocese of Algoma will assemble as the Diocesan Synod. Together they will exercise the ministry of prayer, discernment, and governance entrusted to them by the people of this Diocese. We pray all who gather, particularly the delegates from this parish, will be so directed and inspired by the Holy Spirit that the church in Algoma will proclaim with renewed conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and live as his People of Promise in this time and place.

I call forward [*names of clerical and lay delegates from the congregation*].

When the delegates have come forward, the Leader invites the members of the congregation to stand/remain standing in prayer, and may invite them to extend their hands toward the delegates in a gesture of blessing.

Then the Leader prays,

God our hope, by the Holy Spirit
you presided at the Council of Apostles
to guide them in all knowledge and truth,
and to inspire the whole company of disciples
to share faithfully in your mission to the world.
Be present with these your servants
as they take their place in Diocesan Synod
with representatives from across Algoma.
In deliberation and debate,
fill them with your wisdom and peace.
In the face of challenge and opportunity,
spark their imagination and give them courage.
In moments of decision,
prompt and empower them to seek only your glory,
so your church may live as People of Promise
for the sake of the world you love.
We ask this through the One
who is the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People Amen.

Leader *N.N.*, may you go with God as you travel to and from Synod, knowing God’s blessing as you serve.