

Sending of Delegates to Diocesan Synod 2025

This rite should take place on the 3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4 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 Psalm 30:
“Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For God’s anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

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 share in the gathering work of Christ with renewed conviction and joy.

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 all people may, with joy,
drink deeply from the fountain of salvation.
We ask this through the One
who gifts us with Living Water,
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.