

Dear Synod Delegates & Guests:

We are instructed by the Bishop of Huron to inform you that, God willing, the 181<sup>st</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Huron this year will be held over two days:

## Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> to Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

for the dual purposes of joining together for a Diocesan service of worship and conducting the annual business of Synod. In this time of pandemic, all aspects of Synod will be largely conducted using electronic means (a live-streamed service from the Cathedral over "YouTube" and the meeting using a "Zoom webinar"). For those individuals who cannot access such technology from home, alternative arrangements will be made within your deanery in consultation with the regional dean. Please speak to your clergy for more details.

**Delegates will again be required to register online (<u>no registration form will be mailed</u>). Please watch <b>your email for the link.** This link will also be on the Diocesan website. Following this, regular updates will be emailed to delegates. Please watch for them so that important information will not be missed. The diocese has decided to absorb all costs of last year's Synod; however, this year, parishes will be billed in May at a cost of \$75 per delegate.

**On the days of Synod, registration** for the meeting will be automatic when you access the webinar.

**The Synod service** will be held on Sunday morning, starting at 10:30 am. This will provide individual congregations with the opportunity to worship together as a diocese.

**The Synod meeting** will be on Sunday afternoon from 12:30 pm. to 3:30 pm., continuing on Monday from 9:30 am. to 12:30 pm. There will be a Morning Prayer, for those who wish to attend, from 8:45 am to 9:15 am. For others, the webinar will be open 15 minutes before the start times on both days. Synod will be live-streamed for Observers and also recorded and posted to the website for later viewing by all. With the limitations of time and technology, some committee reporting and group presentations will be published in video form before (and possibly during) Synod. Voting on canonical changes or other motions will use Zoom's polling functionality. 2021 is also the triennium year when we will be dealing with the election of our delegates to Provincial and General Synod.

Should you have any questions, the Honorary Secretaries would be pleased to assist if they can, or, you are welcome to contact Sarah Chase, Synod Administrator, at 519-434-6893 ext. 233.

Sincerely,

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