



¡Ven, Holy Spirit, Ven!

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**To the Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters & Brothers, Lay Leaders
and all People of God in the Archdiocese of San Antonio**

“... the Eucharistic liturgy, the source and summit of Christian life, ... brings the community together, making communion tangible, enables the exercise of participation, and nourishes the momentum toward mission with the Word and the Sacraments”¹

Thank you for making this synodal journey one of discovery, enrichment, and discernment. Our local Church has graciously embraced the invitation of our Holy Father Francis to listen to one another and together listen to the Holy Spirit. “*Synodality is a living expression of the Catholicity of the Church as communion*”² and Francis has consistently emphasized this. Through several joyous occasions, we have continued our journey together as a Synodal Church. Most recently, our Deanery Assemblies featured synodal listening sessions on “Eucharistic Renewal.” Just like many did at these events, I encourage everyone to enthusiastically promote and participate in future encounters that continue being planned and hosted in your parishes, movements, and groups.

These encounters at the Deanery level highlighted the joy of gathering together and the people of God have overwhelmingly expressed their desire to further these moments of communion.

I now announce with great excitement the celebration of our Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, as our Assembly for 2023.

I encourage our pastors to clear from their calendars all parish activities during the evening of November 3 and the morning and early afternoon of November 4 so all can come and participate; and I invite families, groups, and movements to make plans to attend. The Planning Committee of the Synodal Process, under the pastoral guidance of the bishops, is developing the agenda for this event. Further information on the theme, location, schedule, and speakers will be revealed soon. Please **SAVE THESE DATES**. I wholeheartedly hope to see you there.

In the grace of the Holy Spirit,

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¹ General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops – “*Enlarge the space of your tent*” (Is 54:2) – Working Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod on Synodality, #11.5

² International Theological Commission – “*Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church*” #58