

20 Catholic Ministries Appeal 22 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of

FAITH



HOPE



& LOVE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ROCKVILLE CENTRE



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Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Recently at my Parish they held a Legacy Sunday, and I would like to share some ideas about just what Legacy Sunday means for us.

During the Christmas season, I make a traditional Sicilian fig-filled cookie turnover. It is a recipe that I inherited from my mother, she from my grandmother and down the line for multiple generations. Making the fig cookies is an arduous and time-consuming task, but for me it is a labor of love.

A few weeks ago one of my granddaughters called me and asked that she and I get-together to make fig cookies. What she didn't say is that she wished to learn, so that this Christmas tradition will remain once I am no longer here to make them. Yes, I like to think of the fig cookies as a small part of my legacy to my family.

What actually is a legacy. Simply put, it is a handing down of traditions, of values, of morals, of beliefs, of material possessions and sometimes even financial assets from one generation to the next.

You and I have received the most precious of legacies, that of our Catholic religion. You and I have dedicated ourselves to living that faith and we have been

committed to passing those same beliefs, morals, values and traditions to our children and grandchildren. We have instilled in them a love of Jesus and of His Church.

We come to this very church with them to pray and to worship God. Here we are ministered to by our wonderful priests who celebrate mass for us, give us the sacraments and share with us our times of joy and our times of sorrow. What a beautiful spiritual legacy!

There is, however, a practical aspect to this legacy and that is the financial aspect. In order for our parish to survive in these challenging times, in order for it to thrive and to fulfill its mission and commitment to our Lord, it needs a solid financial foundation.

By creating a legacy for our parish, we will ensure that it will persevere when we are no longer here to support it. How do we do that - by leaving a monetary bequest in our wills, by naming it in our IRAs, or by leaving it through insurance policies, banks accounts etc.

I am not here to instruct you in the logistics of how to accomplish this. I am here to ask you to join me in creating a financial legacy for your parish so that future generations will continue to benefit from all that you and I now enjoy here. Please reflect and pray on this and determine how you can participate in establishing this much-needed legacy.

Thank you for your attention and may God bless you and your families.

-Frances, a parishioner who has left her Parish a gift in her Estate plan.

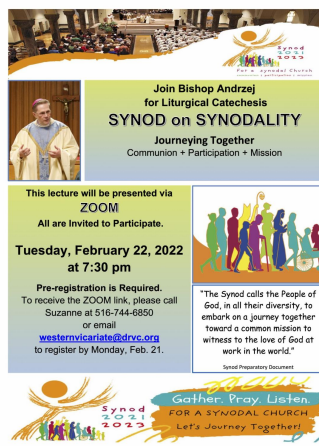
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HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski, auxiliary bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre and leader of the Synod process in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, has produced a series of brief informational videos on the synod process. They can be found on the dedicated synod Website:

www.drvcsynod.com.

Please take some time to watch them.



Join Bishop Andrzej
for Liturgical Catechesis
SYNOD on SYNODALITY
Journeying Together
Communion + Participation + Mission

This lecture will be presented via
ZOOM
All are Invited to Participate.

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022
at 7:30 pm**

Pre-registration is Required.
To receive the ZOOM link, please call
Suzanne at 516-744-6850
or email
westernvicariate@drvc.org
to register by Monday, Feb. 21.

"The Synod calls the People of
God, in all their diversity, to
embark on a journey together
toward a common mission to
witness to the love of God at
work in the world."

Synod Preparatory Document

Gather. Pray. Listen.
Synod
2021
FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH
Let's Journey Together!

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WISHING YOU A BLESSED EASTER



During these difficult and uncertain times, may we always remember that our Risen Lord is always with us.

May we remain strong and be true witnesses of God's love and mercy to those in need and rejoice in the Easter Blessings of Christ!

The Staff of the Office of the
Catholic Ministries Appeal
wish you a Blessed Holy Week
and a Happy Easter.