

"Anchored in Life, close to God and our brothers..."

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In order to support this great project in the name of God and for the whole world we must stay open to the Holy Spirit. By doing so we will become better followers of Christ.

Our Diocesan Synod consists of three facts which will structure and help to carry on :

1 - The Synodal teams : a large span of projects, in all the teams that are compiled to work out in the field, open to all Catholics and others.

2 - The Synodal Assembly : compiled of Members, Priests, Deacons, Secular Members, laaw Members, Observers and Keepers, up to an number of 320. They will meet at least five times during the two years.

3 - The Synodal Secretary's Office: in charge of collecting information from the teams and the preparation of meetings.

The Synod was issued at Pentecost 2015. It will open on Sunday, 4th, October 2015 and finish on Sunday, 26th, November 2017.

Convocation for the Diocesan Synod

Addressing to all Catholics of the Saône-et-Loire

On the day of Pentecost 2015 ten adult community of our Diocese received the Confirmation Sacraments. It is in the light of this celebration that I am announcing the future opening of a Synod on Sunday, 4th, October 2015 in Taizé. It will end on Sunday, 26th, November 2017 during the Feast of Christ the King.

As a new announcement of the Gospel, the aim of this Synod is to discern and talk all possible steps toward a better placing of the Church in the Saône-et-Loire, in the spirit of the Charity of Christ. It will last a little more than two years, during which I encourage to an advantage to go forth, one and another and toward those that do not share the Christian Faith, to listen to what comes from the Lord. It is a matter of staying welded together, more profoundly, in the Light of the Apostles. The Holy Spirit is all around us, in places of tension, suffering, consolation and friendship and in places of prayer and in sacraments. This is why the Synod will be called :

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I am asking you to pray with me in order that we stay open to the Holy Spirit and that we will contribute to this great project of Salvation that God has made for His Church and the entire world. We are asking the Grace to progress together in the Love of God, to continue in the joy of Hope that God has given us and to be strenghtened in the Faith of the Church. In this way we will become better disciples and witnesses of Christ.

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Bishop of Autun, Chalon and Mâcon
