



My dear Little Flower,

As disciples of Jesus, we are each called to witness to what God has done for us. To witness means to share our stories with one another about encountering Jesus in our own faith journey. We witness in both word and action: by sharing our stories of faith, by serving others, and by living our lives in accordance with the teachings of Jesus.

My desire is to gather people together to create Small Christian Communities within our Little Flower Parish. These groups engage people to encounter the Lord through the experience of faith communities. With that in mind, I will be introducing you to some of the people in our parish who serve Little Flower. I am asking them to share their stories of faith and how serving at Little Flower has impacted their lives as Catholic Christians. Starting October, watch the flocknote/bulletin for the “Discipleship in Action” column beginning with stories from the disciples you see around the Church, helping at Mass. Do you wonder who they are? How do they serve with joy? Does your story connect with them? Maybe God is calling you to serve as well?

Your parish priest,

Fr JC Merino



Catechism of the Catholic Church

Synodality II



“Synod” is an ancient and venerable word in the tradition of the Church, its meaning draws on the deepest themes of God’s Revelation. It indicates the path along which the People of God walk together; the Church is a community of people who are on a journey together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as “the way, the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6), and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called “followers of the Way” (cf. Acts 9:2; 19:9.23; 22:4; 24:14.22).

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In the wake of Vatican II, Pope Francis insists that “synodality describes the shape of the Church that emerges from the Gospel of Jesus, which is called to become incarnate today in history, in creative fidelity to Tradition”. This echoes St. Pope John II’s call to New Evangelization: to revisit the gospel as a people of God with NEW “ardor, methods, and expressions”. Both are not a call to proclaim a new gospel message, or change the content of evangelization, but rather - together as a people of God - revitalize the joy and energy that is from receiving the message of Christ.

Therefore, Pope Francis makes his calling to each believer of Jesus Christ, to make the “synodal Church a reality” as “an indispensable precondition for a new missionary energy that will involve the entire people of God”!

We journey together! Buen Camino!

