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Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College (CTC)
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my own
peace I give
to you.

SYNOD UPDATE: FINAL PHASE

We are in the final phase of the diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality. Saturday 14 May was the pre-synod meeting where people from across the diocese gathered to listen to what has been heard so far and continue to feedback to the synthesis process.
So where are we and where have we come from?

What has happened?
17 October 2021: Bishop Pat opened the Diocesan phase
19 October 2021: Stepping into the process.
28 November 2021:
16 Information sessions – 264 Synod Champions
from 56 faith communities
Parishes | ethnic communities |lay associations

October: Listening sessions begin
31 October 2021: First submissions received
13 May 2022: Final submission received
14 May 2022: Pre-Synod Diocesan Meeting

Reactions to the Synod Process

What a privilege, the Church cares about my thoughts.
I have been waiting for this moment since Vatican II.
Thank-you for listening.
Our group thoroughly enjoyed the session.
We are going to meet to try to develop concrete actions from our conversation.
We shared, expressed, listened, discussed, agreed, and disagreed. We walked together in community, with participation, on a mission.
It will be white washed by the diocese. What we need to say will not go to NZCBC or Vatican.
Contract with Professor Peter Lineham to lead the synthesis process.

Submissions

Many submissions were anonymous, so this is a 'taste' obtained through self-identification.

- Approximately 500 submissions received
- About 40 % were from individuals
- Groups varied in size from 3 to 58
- Submissions were received from
- Parishes | 23 Urban and rural
- Ethnic communities | 5 Pacific and Asian
- Lay associations | 9 Congregational and other
- Religious congregations | 6
- Schools | 4 Primary and secondary
- No clear voice of the clergy
- The young, school communities, Māori, marginalised present but not strong
- Often listening to ourselves and not the other
- Aged year 6 (11/12) to 90+

What is next?

The synod committee under the leadership of Peter Lineham will continue to discern what the listening Church of Auckland is hearing in order to prepare the final synthesis document that will be submitted to NZCBC and the Vatican. This will also be published on the website.

THE ICON OF OUR LADY HAS CONCLUDED HER VISITATION IN NORTHLAND

After **29 days** of this 'holy trail', having covered **over 3,000 kms** of Northland winding, sealed and unsealed roads, visiting **10 churches & parishes and 4 Catholic schools**, the Icon Ko Hāta Maria has left our Diocese. It's been a joy and a delightful ministry to drive, look after and present the Icon, and to share its story and significance with Northland parishioners & parish priests and with the children and youth of our Catholic Schools.

A special mention and thanks to Bishop Steve for his presence and acknowledgement while celebrating the Chrism Mass at St Francis Xavier in Whangarei and the Sunday Mass at St Anthony's in Kaikohe and St Nicolas in the fields in Whirinaki.
May the memories of this visitation stay vivid and the fruits be abundant. Hāta Maria/ Holy Mary, pray for us.

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UNWRITTEN

Saturday 21 May, 6pm-9pm at 9 Rylock Place Pakuranga Heights Citipointe Church.
This is a night of incredible encounter for all young adults! Join us as we dive into the theme of Unwritten; with stories, words, and worship.

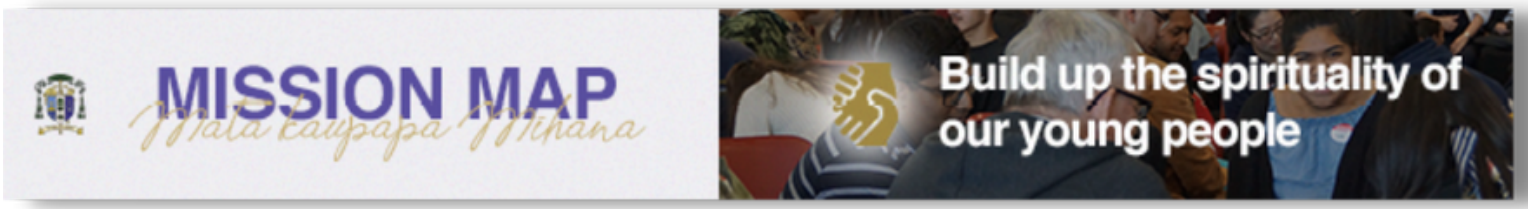
“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.” - John 21:25. Are there words in your story that have yet to be written?

You do not want to miss this! There will be keynote speakers (including Bishop Michael!), testimony, worship, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry. Did we mention free barista made drinks when you arrive?! Registrations are NOW OPEN!! Head over to Eventbrite to snag your FREE tickets. Spaces are limited! **https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unwritten-tickets-322536564547**

POWHIRI FOR NEW PRINCIPALS

On the first day of Term Two, new Principal Vimi Chandra was welcomed with a powhiri at St Leo’s Devonport. Vimi shares a unique connection with four other current Principals as they were all staff members together at Holy Cross Henderson – Janice Borsos (Holy Cross Henderson), Paul Coakley (St Mary’s Northcote), Viki Trainor (St Johns’ Mairangi Bay) and Anne McKeown (St Michael’s Remuera). Here they are together at a recent Principal’s gathering.

Patrick Walsh was also welcomed with a powhiri at Sacred Heart College. Patrick has been Principal of John Paul College in Rotorua for the last 19 years, and a busload of staff and students came to hand him over to his new College. A unique feature of the day were the highland pipes and drums from John Paul College, which led Vicar for Maori, Manual Beazley to remark in his mihi that it was a ‘first’ for a powhiri.



NZCBC Privacy Week 2022

Privacy: The Foundation of Trust

Privacy – Application in Church Life

T **TIME.** Integrity is the linchpin for the establishment of trust, time is the tool people need to decide if a person/organisation can be trusted according to their actions which proves their integrity.

R **RELATIONSHIP**. The Community establishes trust in their leaders or organisation only when there is a strong relationship between them, this requires both to foster communication, sharing of values and caring for each other's needs.

U **UNDERSTANDING**. "*Proverbs 4:7 Though it cost you all you have, get understanding.*" Christian leadership calls us not only to understand the policies and procedures of the organisation we lead, but to understand the people of God whom HE has entrusted us to shepherd. If you do not understand what your flock needs, how can you best provide for them?

S **SENSITIVITY**. Jesus is the prime example of humility and treating others with sensitivity. "*1 Peter 3:8 All of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.*" Trust is strengthened through a mutual sensitivity and care of one another.

T **TENACITY**. "*When the going gets tough, the tough get going.*" When there are problems in a relationship, both parties should persevere in working through difficulties together. This requires perseverance and tenacity, it is a necessary component for a long lasting bond. Imagine if God gave up on us, when the going got tough?

The Church must invest in **TIME** to build a **RELATIONSHIP** of **UNDERSTANDING** and **SENSITIVITY** with the people of God which it serves, with **TENACITY**.

Credit TRUST Acronym Breakdown https://www.biblicalleadership.com/blogs/6-elements-to-create-trust-in-biblical-leadership/

FAREWELL FOR LYNDSAY FREER

With Bishop Pat's retirement in February, Dame Lyndsay Freer had decided in late April to retire from her role within the Catholic communications in New Zealand.
Lyndsay has worked for the Church across a number of roles for 37 years and has been at the forefront of engaging with media at a time of dramatic change in society, technology, and the Church.
A farewell lunch was held on Saturday, 1st of May at Pompallier Diocesan Centre.
We thank Dame Lyndsay Freer for her generosity and work across Aotearoa over the years!

THANK YOU FROM THE LINK ALLIANCE

Earlier in April, Fr Christopher Denham was invited to bless the Tunnel Boring Machine - as part of another milestone for the City Rail Link project.

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