

July 18, 2021

Dear parishioners,

As we have announced previously, soon we will celebrate the closing of the Synod – which has been a multi-year initiative of prayer, discussion, and seeking the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in regards to the ongoing mission of this local Church – the Archdiocese of Hartford. Through the challenges of the pandemic, the process of discernment has continued. I am grateful to our parish delegates Bryan Baker and Dennis Buckley for their efforts in representing our community. As a member of the presbyteral council, I also was an official delegate of the Synod.

The closing Mass on August 13 purposely coincides with the liturgical commemoration of Blessed Michael McGivney, native son of Waterbury and exemplary priest of our Archdiocese. It will be a historic moment of grace as we celebrate for the first time this officially proclaimed feast day.

The Synod is a reminder that much changes in our lives over time, even in the life of the Church, in our society, and in our own homes and experiences; but what does not change is God's providential care for us, the saving love of Our Lord Jesus, and our need to live our Catholic faith with joy and hope.

All the way – to God's embrace.

Sincerely,

Father Lavorgna