

# **LEADING EDGE ... Edge Thoughts**

Come to the Edge. We might Fall. Come to the edge. It's too high!

COME TO THE EDGE. And they came; and he pushed; and they flew.

Christopher Logue – Ode to the Dodo – Poems from 1953 – 78

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# Message from Newsletter Committee

Welcome to our Fall 2025 Newsletter. We have many interesting articles for you this season. We provide a summary of our October meeting with some details of the many wonderful activities of the Associates and Sisters.

We go to Missouri, USA, to learn about an historic Associate meeting for the RSCJ's. Then we go back to Newfoundland and Labrador to read Presentation Associate Sharon Trainor's reflection on the recent *Vocations Conference*.

Martha Associate Mary McLean takes us to PEI to learn about "Project Heaven on Earth". The Mercy Associates of NL have joined many associate groups as the "Sister" coordinator retires and a lay associate takes over coordination.

Mercy Associate Anne Bown provides her personal reflection on the ARCAN ZOOM Spiritual Session which was open to all on October 18, 2025. Debbie Aker shares her experience of the June 2025 Concerned Catholic Conference on Synodality. There are book reviews and a couple of pages of resources to assist your own personal development.

We hope this will provide interesting reading and helps to keep you involved in ARCAN.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas season

#### **ARCAN MISSION STATEMENT**

Rooted in Gospel values and inspired by the charisms of each religious congregation the mission of ARCAN is to provide a supportive network committed to adult learning, inclusive actions, embracing diversity, along with an awareness of the new consciousness that all life is sacred and connected.

#### **ARCAN VISION STATEMENT**

The vision of ARCAN is to be a mutually supportive network of Associates and Sisters in Atlantic Canada living a new and dynamic expression of religious life and spirituality for the 21st century. We inspire to invite one another to a wider embrace of Gospel values and to live a commitment of love in relationship with all.

#### **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

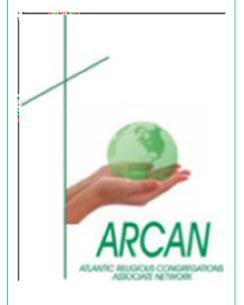
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**Deirdre Greene Lono, PBVM Associate** 

Cheers: Anne, Deirdre, Mary, Ronnie

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#### **ARCAN 2025 FALL MEETING MINUTES**

The fall ARCAN meeting was held by Zoom on October 17-18, 2025, with twelve associates and three sisters present. All the eight Atlantic Congregations were represented. The meeting began Friday afternoon with the Welcome and Land Acknowledgement. An Opening Prayer was led by Mary MacLean. Pauline Scott introduced new members, Bridie Doyle, Sister Eileen Penney, and Patricia Donnelly. The agenda was reviewed with no additional items.

The Associates' and Sisters' Check-in sessions were facilitated by Julia Townsend.

We'd like to share some highlights from the check-ins:

Barbara Hawley, Mercy Associates: Sr Maureen O'Keefe has retired, and Barbara is now the lay coordinator. On May 10, they shared an excellent gathering with the Redemptorist, Mercy and Presentation associates, entitled "Hope, the Call of the Associate" which was facilitated by Dr. Anne Walsh. Six associates attended the Vocations Canada Conference entitled "Hope, Our North Star". Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, from the Vatican Observatory spoke on "A Jesuit's Guide to the Stars" and Sr. Barbara Reid, OP spoke on "Stars and Biblical Journeys". Mercy associate groups are located in St. John's, Bell Island, Marystown and Baie Verte.

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## **ARCAN 2025 FALL MEETING MINUTES – CONT'D**

Deirdre Green Lono, Presentation Associate: Beginning on December 20<sup>th</sup> and continuing throughout 2026, the global community of Presentation People will be celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Presentation NL Congregation has a new leadership team: Sr Róisín Gannon, Sr Clothilde Martin and Sr Sandy Butler. We welcomed six new associates in May. Presentation Associates also enjoyed the May 10 gathering, with Dr Anne Walsh and had four Associates attend the Vocations Conference. One associate, Elizabeth Fowler, has designed a Memorial Garden on the grounds of the Basilica of St John the Baptist which is the first in an international trail of bronze shoes (cast from an original pair found in the home of a starved family). The trail commemorates the privations experienced by the Irish in the 18th and 19th centuries, and the resiliency of the Irish diaspora and reaches wherever the Irish settled - Newfoundland, the Caribbean and as far away as Australia. A later newsletter will have a feature on these 'shoes'.

**Gail MacPhee, PEI Sisters of Saint Martha Associates:** Martha Associates attended a retreat with Fr. Eric Oland, a one-day session during Chapter, a Tea at the Mount with the sisters, Sr. Lorraine Chaisson's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and a mass and social for the Feast of Saint Martha in August. There is a new Congregational Leadership Team.

Mary Ann Kneeland, SCIC Associates: SCIC Associates remembered four associates who died in 2025. They celebrated two Jubilee Year services and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Laudato Si*. Some associates attended the "Journey of Encounter" in Waterloo, and a SCIC retreat is planned for November. Associates support OASIS, a drop-in center for women providing activities, refreshments, and gifts. They also observed the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing hot meals at the Outflow Ministry.

**Ronnie MacDonald, SC Halifax Associates**: More than twenty associates participated in an RCLT retreat with the sisters. The monthly circles of prayer and sharing are held at Caritas. Associates are invited to the 2026 Chapter held every six years.

**Patricia Donnelly, RSCJ Halifax Associates:** RSCJ Associates meet monthly and have two new members. Associates support the Daily Bread outreach program that operates out of St. Mary's Basilica in Halifax. The RSCJ associates have a strong international influence and receive great energy and support from that connection.

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#### **ARCAN 2025 FALL MEETING MINUTES – CONT'D**

**Dianne McAskill, CND Visitation Province Associates:** CND's also have a strong national and international influence with much local and international activity. They have 144 associates including three new associates. Activities include newsletters, retreats, conferences, occasions for "tea & talk", book clubs, indigenous-oriented gatherings, creation-focussed programs, prayer gatherings and virtual rosaries! Lest we forget, they volunteer at the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys exhibit at the Fortress of Louisburg all summer!

**Julia Townsend, Antigonish Marthas Associates:** They have four groups in Sydney, Sydney Mines, Antigonish, and Alberta. They have 18 new associates. The Congregation celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the associates celebrated 45 years. A tree was planted, and a read-through done of a play to honor the occasion. They had two retreats entitled "Healing the Divide: A Journey to Reconciliation" with Sr. Donna Brady CSM. It was a timely subject on Indigenous Relations and delivered gently by Sister Donna.

#### **Check in from the Congregations**

**Sister Eileen Penney, Mercy Sisters:** They have a new Leadership team. Leader, Sr. Diane Smyth, attended the Religious Leaders Conference in Halifax. The Leadership Team attended the Vocations Conference. Sr. Elizabeth Davies continues to be the spokesperson for Synodality in NL and beyond. Sr. Eileen will be part of a Synod Study Group gathering. To honor Truth and Reconciliation Day, Sr. Dorothy Moore CSM, a Mi'kmaq elder, joined them as they shared a documentary on Sr. Dorothy, prepared by Mount St. Vincent University and conversation followed.

Sister Helen Danahy, Charities of Halifax: Prayer services for Truth and Reconciliation and Seasons of Creation were held at Caritas Residence which were open to sisters, associates and others. Some Sisters participated virtually in a prayer service for migrants and refugees and another service on "Raising Hope for Climate Justice". The sisters and associates are preparing for Chapter 2026, which will be held in June 7-13 in Boston. The contemplative circles focussed on completion, governance (sisters only) and justice. Mount St. Vincent University celebrated its 151th Anniversary and hosted the sisters to celebrate their enduring legacy of service.

**Sister Pat Poole, SCIC:** The sisters prepared a film, "Blessing the Future" which is available on You Tube by the Sisters of Charity. The film documents the Congregation's founding, charism, and future. To view go to UTUBE and search for **SCIC + Blessing the Future** 

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#### **ARCAN 2025 FALL MEETING MINUTES – CONT'D**

The business part of the meeting continued with the presentation of our financial report. A decision was made to move \$2500 from the operations account to the GIC maturing on October 29, 2025 and reinvest the revised amount. An update on the <u>Policy for Distribution of Funds upon Completion</u> was provided. A letter has been drafted and will be sent out to Congregational Leaders providing options of what action could be taken if/when ARCAN dissolves in the future. The Friday meeting ended with a Closing prayer shared by Associate Ronnie MacDonald.

Saturday morning began with a Welcome and Land Acknowledgement by Pauline Scott. Denise Isaacs led the Opening Prayer. The Spiritual Session was open to the ARCAN Steering Committee, associates, sisters and other interested persons. Anne Bown introduced Ms. Debbie Aker, Catechetical Consultant with the Diocese of Antigonish. Debbie spoke inspiringly on the theme of "Synodality within us: The role of the laity moving forward". The related Power Point and the session recording will be shared via the ARCAN Steering Committee. The session was well received. Julia Townsend thanked Debbie. (See 'Spiritual Session" related article on page 10)

The afternoon session was brief with an opening prayer by Anne Bown. There were discussions on the Fall Newsletter and suggestions for speakers and topics for the Spiritual Session for the spring meeting which will be held by Zoom April 17-18, 2026. The group thanked Julia Townsend, whose term on the Executive was ending with the meeting. Julia will be truly missed. Members were asked to consider offering themselves for this important executive position. We look forward to seeing them in the spring. The Closing Prayer was led by Dianne MacAskill.

Original by Anne Bown; Edited by Mary MacLean and Deirdre Greene-Lono



## **TOGETHER AS ONE HEART – RSCJ GATHERING JULY 2025**

July 11-14, 2025, Associates and Religious of the Sacred Heart from Canada, Mexico, Uganda, and the United States gathered in person at the Pallottine Renewal Center in Florissant, Missouri, for a conference entitled **Together as One Heart** or **Juntos Como un Solo Corazón.** 



It was a time of deep reflection, sharing, learning, praying, and coming together as "One Body"— a call from the Society's General Chapter 2016.

The conference was the first of its kind in the history of the Associates program, which was established about 30 years ago. The gathering also reflected, in part, the future province comprised of the Antilles, Mexico, and United States —Canada Provinces.

"The gathering was balm for the soul," said Associate Julie Burns. "There was a sense that we were already one and with simultaneous translation, there was no language barrier."

"I am grateful for the opportunity and feel strengthened to carry forth the mission and the love of God to others," said Elda Garcia-Ditta, an Associate from Houston, Texas. Sofy Gámez, an Associate from San Luis Potosí, said, "The call that mostly resonated with me was to reach new frontiers... I think that this Associates gathering fulfilled this call because it gave us the opportunity to be interconnected. It gave us spaces for deep listening and dialogue to look at ourselves in a new way, but at the same time allowed us to reaffirm our shared identity."

Written by Erin Everson, Communications Project Manager for Society of the Sacred Heart USC Province.

Submitted by Sarah Cassidy RSCI Associate

#### **REFLECTIONS ON THE 2025 VOCATIONS CONFERENCE**

## **HOPE IS OUR NORTH STAR! SHINE YOUR LIGHT!**



The 2025 Vocations Canada Conference was held in St. John's, NL, September 23-25, 2025. I was one of four Presentation Associates whose participation was sponsored by the Presentation Sisters. The experience flooded my heart with hope, excitement, energy and love.

As a newly-committed Associate, I have been reflecting on how I can make a difference through my Associate journey. This conference enabled me to listen, reflect, explore and participate amongst others from across Canada who hear a "call". I was in awe of and touched by attendees, organizers, presenters and guest speakers. So many beautiful humans all sharing their knowledge, life stories, humor, creativity, oneness and love for our Creator and this beautiful world. I felt welcomed and accepted.

After listening to Sr. Barbara Reid guide us through the connections between Scripture and the stars, I knew this was exactly where I was meant to be: a shining star among many, coming together and sharing our light to explore our spiritual lives. As a young child, I sensed the magic in the stars. As an adult, I fondly say to my family and friends "the universe has my back." That day, I KNEW it.

At the end of each day, I offered gratitude to the Universe for the new bonds that were forming and fixed my hope on the new day yet to come. On the final day, I got up early for a morning run. I was greeted by sunshine and an amazing feeling of belonging to this new adventure of vocational life. I do belong here; each day I will continue to shine and share the learnings the Associate Relationship brings me. As a yoga teacher, I will incorporate the stars, the earth, the universe, the science, the stories, the fun and the amazing people that I met during this life-changing conference. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to engage more intensely with the community of the "called". I look forward to the next adventure.

A reflection by Presentation Associate Sharon Trainor



Our PEI Martha Associates recently had a very interesting presentation by Martin Rutte on *Project Heaven on Earth*, which is the title of his book and obviously a project of his own participation in this global initiative to change the world.

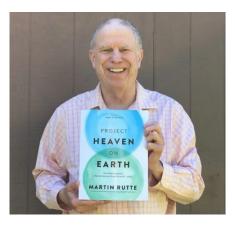
Rutte is renowned as an international speaker, author, and activist in promoting "The Work of Humanity" to effect the necessary changes most of us want to make so we can become cocreators of a world of peace, love, and harmony as God wants.

He invites a course of action from every interested person to create Heaven on Earth in their own circumstance rather than lament the problems that exist. He insists we can be co-creators of Heaven for ourselves, our workplaces, our communities, and our world.

Rutte quotes Frances Hodgson Burnett, "At first people refuse to believe that a strange new thing can be done, and then they begin to hope it can be done, then they see it can be done—then it is done—and all the world wonders why it was not done centuries ago."

You can read the book, take a course, receive blogs, join the global Heaven Makers Community, but most importantly create Heaven on Earth. Three simple questions are posed to begin the "Work of Humanity". These are "When have you experienced Heaven on Earth? What does Heaven on Earth look like for you? What is an action you can do today to create Heaven on Earth?"

Visit www.ProjectHeavenOnEarth.com for much more information



Submitted by Mary MacLean, PEI Martha Associate

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#### MERCY ASSOCIATE CO-ORDINATION CHANGES

On Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>, Mercy Associates and Sisters of Mercy gathered to say a special Thank You to Sr Maureen O'Keefe who retired as coordinator of the Mercy Associates after 16 years.



Congregational Leader Sr Diane Smyth RSM

The event included a tribute poem by
Associate Catherine Ryan; greetings by Sr
Diane Smyth Congregational Leader; the
presentation of flowers, cards, gifts and a
donation in excess of \$700 from the
Associates to the Mercy Charity in Peru
"Misericordia". The gathering was hosted by
Mercy Associate coordinator Barbara
Hawley. At the conclusion of the formal
program, those attending enjoyed a
delicious reception.

This event formally marks the passing of Associate leadership co-ordination from the Sisters to the Associates themselves.



Associate Catherine Ryan shares her poetic tribute

Associate Barbara Hawley, who has been a co-coordinator with Sr. Maureen, remains as the coordinator.

Sr. Maureen brought the Mercy Associates to the ARCAN organization, around 2009-2010. We are delighted that Sr Maureen will still join us at our ARCAN meetings.





Sr. Maureen O'Keefe RSM with Associate Cathy Foster

Contributed by Associate Anne Bown

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#### ARCAN MEETING SPIRITUAL SESSION – SYNODALITY LIVES WITHIN US

A reflection by Associate Anne Bown

Conversation

in the Spirit



Debbie Aker, from the Diocese of Antigonish provided attendees of the 2025 Fall ARCAN Spiritual Zoom Session with a stimulating morning of information and discussion. We focused on the **Synodal Method of Facilitation**, or **"Conversation in the Spirit"**.

"In its broadest sense, synodality can be understood as Christians walking in communion with Christ toward the Kingdom with all of humanity. Its orientation is toward mission, and its practice involves gathering in assembly at each level of ecclesial life. It involves reciprocal listening, dialogue, community discernment, and creation of consensus as an expression that renders Christ present in the Holy Spirit, each

taking decisions according to their responsibilities".

(Synthesis Report of Session 1 of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops)

We discussed how it felt to be heard and not heard. We moved on to watch and discuss a video of a meditation given to the Synod participants by Father Timothy Radcliffe "Being at Home in God and God at Home in Us". I heard that there is a tension in our church and that is ok. We hold different views of the church "that is" and "how we would like it to be". (more or less traditional, progressive, inclusive, etc). The Synodal path encourages all of us to participate in discussion and for some clergy this may be difficult. But that doesn't mean we stop trying.

Debbie shared the findings of Archbishop Paul Andre Durocher, who contributed to the book *Where Faith and Life Meet, Adult Faith Education That Transforms* (Novalis 2024). Father Durocher sees an alignment between the "Five Promising Practices" used in Adult Faith Formation and the <u>Synodal Method of Conversation</u>: 1) Silence and Prayer – Listening to the Word of God; 2) Taking the Word and Listening; 3) Making space for others and The Other; 4) Building Together; 5) Final Prayers of Thanksgiving. This alignment was explored.

The morning moved on to Debbie's relating her experience at a conference of Concerned Catholics held in June 2025 which focused on moving forward in synodality. Debbie shared some conversations from the group and provided as a resource links to the organization and conference findings.

I came away with a clearer understanding that, as a child of God, my lived experiences are valuable, but also, that those of others are valuable. The method of conversation which affirms the dignity of all and respects experiences of others, can, when set in an atmosphere of prayer and contemplation, result in movement forward in mission together.

# JOURNEY OF ENCOUNTER - Concerned Lay Catholic Gathering

The Journey of Encounter: Pilgrims of Hope Embracing Synodality Conference brought together people from across the country who sought to move synodality ahead. The Conference was organized by Concerned Lay Catholics, an independent group of concerned committed lay Catholics formed in Canada to affirm the laity's role of co-responsibility in the Church. The meeting was held at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario from June 15-18, 2025.



The participants' vision, mission and values flow from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, the vision of Pope Francis, and the call of the Canadian Bishops for healing, reconciliation and transformation. Their membership is made up of readers, choir members, cantors, eucharistic ministers, lay Associates of religious orders, some active in Development and Peace, the Catholic Women's League and with refugees through parish sponsorships.

The participants are truly engaged in their parishes and the life of the Church and what they all have in common is a deep faith in Jesus Christ and an abiding love for the Church. They have been discussing and hosting events relating to synodality since the preparatory document for the Synod on Synodality in 2021.

For more information, visit their website: <a href="www.concernedlaycatholics.ca">www.concernedlaycatholics.ca</a> <a href="www.concernedlaycatholics.ca/synodality">www.concernedlaycatholics.ca/synodality</a>

The main focus of the Conference was "Conversations in the Spirit" as it was with the two assemblies of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. The themes of the conversations were drawn from the Final Report of the Synod and from Canadian regional conversations which were held in January 2025 and were as follows:

- 1. Living Our Baptismal Call
- 2. Embracing Catholicity Todos! Todos! Todos! (Everyone, Everyone, Everyone) Pope Francis said this while addressing young people at World Youth Day 2023, in Lisbon, Spain. "That is the church...there is room for all."

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# JOURNEY OF ENCOUNTER – Concerned Lay Catholic Gathering continued

- 3. Growing in Synodality
- 4. Walking as Pilgrims of Hope

A synodal approach to conversation was employed. Respecting the dignity and integrity of the participants; sharing one's view; actively listening to others; dialogue and discernment; seeking synthesis. This is the power of the Conversation in the Spirit; it provides a space to hold tension and opens up the possibility of having our preconceptions stretched. (For a summary of the conversations held at the conference visit the Concerned Catholic website) <a href="https://mailchi.mp/62e2766eff74/june-newsletter-from-clc-after-the-journey?e=6363c2969e">https://mailchi.mp/62e2766eff74/june-newsletter-from-clc-after-the-journey?e=6363c2969e</a>

Archbishop Paul-André Rocher has stated, that by virtue of our Baptism, "God's Spirit dwells in all of God's children and speaks to their hearts. It promotes personal growth by fostering personal agency and by creating spaces that free up the possibility to speak, to propose, to agree, to protest, and to commit."

As associates, following the charisms of our various Religious Orders, we can be in our everyday lives helping to make Christ present in the world.

Submitted by Debbie Aker

## Adsumus Sancte Spiritus We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**



#### IF NUNS RULED THE WORLD: 10 SISTERS ON A MISSION

by Jo Piazza

This book portrays the lives of 10 Sisters and the causes to which they have dedicated their lives. You will meet extraordinary women, from Sister Megan Rice who campaigns against nuclear weapons and has gone to prison for her activities; to Sister Jeannine Gramick who works for social justice on behalf of Gay and Lesbian people; to Sister Nora Nash who uses her gifts to keep an eye on Corporate America and ensure that the companies, whose investments are held by religious organizations, are 'behaving'. Each

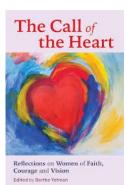
sister is making a difference in her community and in the future; hopefully, others will build on what they have started. They are trying to effect change from within the church, in spite of the 2009 Vatican "Apostolic Visitation" (read... investigation of American Nuns). The book, published in 2014, covers the Sisters' lives up to about 2013, and is available from Chapters Online at \$24.99 for paperback. The reader will want to go back to these vignettes many times.

Contributed by Mercy Associate Anne Bown

#### THE CALL OF THE HEART: REFLECTIONS OF WOMAN OF FAITH, COURAGE & VISION

Edited by Dr Bertha Yetman

This collection, written by a diverse group of Canadian authors and edited by Newfoundland-born scholar of Canada's women religious Bertha Yetman, explores the lives of 10 extraordinary women who lived in what is now understood as Canada. Each chapter examines how, despite limitations imposed by the institutional (and deeply patriarchal) Church, these women answered God's call, finding creative ways to live out their faith in the service of God and neighbour. They re-imagined pedagogy and spiritual practice, broke down barriers and worked for education, justice and charity.



The collection is organized by theme. *Part I: Breaking Frontiers* considers the contributions of three women who broke out of their familiar lives and into new cultural and geographic frontiers: Sr Marguerite-Marie, SGM (née Sara Riel); Sr Mary Elizabeth Bonia, SMSM; and Sr Margie Conroy, RSCJ. *Part II: Education, Justice, Charity* explores the gentle efforts of faithful women to build more just and inclusive societies: Mother Estelle Nolan, IBVM; Sr Olivette Sesk, PBVM; Sr Katharine Bellamy, RSM; Sr Ellen Margaret Leonard, SCJ; Janet Summerville and Jean Mahoney. *Part III: Silent Encounter* illuminates the lives modern-day contemplatives, Sr Elaine MacInnes, OSM and Lucinda Vardey.

The collection concludes with an Afterword by Sr Elizabeth Davis, RSM, on Women and Synodality: "Women Cry Out for Justice", a reflection on her participation in the Synod on Synodality which echoes the experience of the women represented in this collection and proposes "binding inclusivity for the sake of full communion and unity in the Church and peace in the world."

Contributed by Presentation Associate Deirdre Greene

## **RESOURCES**

Resources provided by Debbie Aker following her presentation – "Synodality Lives Within Us"

Timothy Radcliffe - Meditations from the General Assemblies of Synod on Synodality 2023 - 2024

www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/others-resources/synodality-meditationstimothy-radcliffe-op

Radcliffe, T. (2025) Surprised by Hope, Further Meditations on Synodality. Liturgical Press.

**Kuzmochka, Carol, et al., editors**. Where Faith and Life Meet, Adult Faith Education that Transforms. Novalis, 2024.

Five Promising Practices and other Practical Wisdom: A Resource for All Who Accompany Adult Faith

www.padiocese.ca/ files/ugd/e697ad f2c590b726a54bde810b344b9f797a8b.pdf

#### **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**

www.cccb.ca/the-catholic-church-in-canada/synods-of-bishops/

#### Vatican Documents:

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops - For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission – Final Document - 24 November 2024

www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26 final-document/ENG---Documento-final-andf

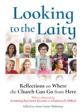
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The Book – Looking to the Laity – Reflections on Where the Church Can Go from Here. Together with ordained ministers, lay women and men are ready to share their gifts with the Church to continue Christ's mission.

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# **FINAL THOUGHTS**

#### Pope Leo XIV's Favourite Movies:

- 1946 It's a Wonderful Life
- 1965 *Sound of Music*
- 1980 Ordinary People
- 1997 La Vita Bella





