



**“ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT”** (Is. 54:2) is the title of the 44-page *Working Document for the Continental Stage* of the current synodal process at the universal level. The document reflects the 112 responses from the Bishops’ Conferences (out of 114) and the 15 (out of 15) from the Oriental Catholic Churches received by the Synod Secretariat, as well as from the Vatican Dicasteries, the Institutes of Consecrated Life, the Ecclesial Associations and Movements, and more. The document was approved by the XV Ordinary Council of the Synod Secretariat for publication, and presented at a Press Conference on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. It is an interesting and powerful [read!](#)

**THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENTAL PHASE** of the Synod, which is the next step, will be a collaboration between the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). (Mexico will participate in the Continental Phase through the Latin American Episcopal Council – CELAM.) Ten virtual assemblies reflecting on the Working Document will take place in late 2022 and 2023, including five (5) in English, three (3) in Spanish, and two (2) in French. These will be followed by a debrief session with the North American writing team in early February 2023. A draft of a Continental Synthesis will be submitted to the Secretariat for the Synod on March 31, 2023. We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire the entire synodal process!

**RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL CATECHIST AND EDUCATOR, DAVID WELLS**, is a guest speaker at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Tuesday evening, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. His presentation is titled: *“IS THIS SPOT TAKEN?” a reflection on the Church’s call to radical hospitality in a post-pandemic world.* A dedicated family man, David’s talks usually include stories of his close relationship with his children. His good humour and moving stories make him a speaker you want to hear! See you there – or if you prefer, the talk will be live-streamed on the Cathedral’s YouTube channel!

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA** publish calendars annually which support the missions throughout Canada. Parishes, Catholic Women’s League councils, Knights of Columbus councils, can purchase the calendars for \$7.50 – half price. They normally sell for \$15. The calendars present beautiful photographs of the missions – many taken by Father David Reilander, priest of the Diocese of Hamilton and President of Catholic Missions in Canada! It is an excellent way to support CMIC – and our brother Priest! Check out [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info) or call 1-866-937-2642.

**CONFIRMATIONS CONTINUE** throughout the Diocese. I will be celebrating the Confirmation of two groups of young people tomorrow (Saturday) at St. Gabriel Parish in Burlington. It is always an uplifting experience for me and, I pray, for the young people who are blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all who assure the preparation of the young people both through our schools, at home, and in the Parishes!

**THE LITURGICAL INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTORS** continues during Sunday Mass in Parishes that welcomed new Pastors in 2022. Father Roque Concepcion, Pastor at St. Mark Parish in Kitchener, will be installed at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in his Parish. Father Roque comes to the Diocese from the Philippines via Prince Albert Diocese where he was Rector of the Cathedral. We wish him a long and blessed ministry here in the Hamilton Diocese!

**THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (CCSO)** in Hamilton will meet next Tuesday for the first time in two years. The meeting provides an opportunity for these groups to share their activities and to encourage mutual support. The meeting is often a time to learn about the challenges of the needy in the community.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI