



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

May 1, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was my great privilege to convoke the Second General Synod of the Archdiocese of Miami at the Chrism Mass on April 3 at the Cathedral of St. Mary. This Synod is our approach for diocesan strategic planning. The first part of this exciting process will also be the defining component of its success – my ability to hear from you, the People of God of Miami. In order for us to plan proactively and effectively for our future, I need your input and wisdom, your concerns and hopes.

In order to gain this valuable input, I have scheduled 10 “listening sessions” – town meetings – spread throughout our Archdiocese and in our primary three languages: English, Spanish and Creole. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Miami are invited to attend a listening session of their choice; you need not attend the one in your deanery if the time and date is inconvenient.

As your Archbishop I will be present at each of the meetings to listen to you, to hear of your concerns, to learn of your dreams and aspirations for the future of the Archdiocese. This is a chance for you to “speak up!” Enclosed is a list of the dates, times and locations of the 10 listening sessions scheduled throughout the Archdiocese as well as the language in which they will be facilitated.

By baptism every member of the Church is called into communion with one another, many coming together as one body in Christ. We love and seek communion in our parishes, in our homes, in all aspects of our personal lives. We all like to feel taken into account, and these listening sessions will provide us with an opportunity for listening, for sharing, for communion. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

For more information on how you can participate, visit the Synod website at www.synodmiami.org or call the Office of the Synod at 305.762.1088.