



XXV General Synod

Proposed Agenda and Program

In accord with the Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church, the Proposed Agenda of the XXV General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church, to be held within the Western Diocese, is hereby published. The Synod will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass and then the Synod will endeavor to enter into its work.

- 1) Greetings & Overview
- 2) Appointments of the Synodal Committees for the XXV General Synod
- 3) Report of the Mandate Committee
 - a. Oath of Delegates
- 4) Report of the Agenda Committee
- 5) Report of the Rules & Regulations Committee
- 6) Acceptance of the XIV General Synod Minutes
- 7) Report of the Prime Bishop
- 8) Reports of the Diocesan Bishops
 - a. Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese
 - b. Canadian Diocese
 - c. Central Diocese
 - d. Eastern Diocese
 - e. Western Diocese
- 9) Election of the Prime Bishop
- 10) Reports of Standing Commissions
 - a. History & Archives Commission
 - b. National Commission on Liturgy
 - c. Church Doctrine Commission
 - d. National Scouting Commission
 - e. National School of Christian Living
 - f. Sacred Vocations
- 11) Reports of the Standing Organizations
 - a. National Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 - b. National United Choirs
 - i. General Report
 - ii. Music Commission Report
 - iii. Music Scholarship Program Report
 - c. National United Youth Association
 - i. Youth Representative
 - ii. National Youth Chaplain
 - iii. Convo Reports (2016 & 2018)
 - d. United Young Men's Societies of Resurrection
- 12) Financial Matters of the Church
 - a. Report of the Investment Committee
 - b. Report of the Auditing Committee
 - c. Report of the Budget and Finance Commission
 - d. Report of the Church Treasurer
- 13) Report of Spojnia, Inc.
- 14) Report of the Mission & Evangelism Commission
- 15) Report of the Clergy Pension Fund
- 16) Report of the Clergy Hospitalization Program
- 17) Report of the Polish National Union

- 18) Report of the Clergy Salary and Benefits Commission
- 19) Report of Savonarola Theological Seminary
- 20) Dialogue and Ecumenical Report
 - a. Polish National Catholic – Roman Catholic Dialogue
 - b. Polish National Catholic – Anglican Church of North America Dialogue
 - c. Report on the Union of Scranton
 - d. Report of the Ecumenical Officer
- 21) Diocesan Caucuses and Elections
- 22) Report of the Constitution Commission
 - a. Constitutional changes
- 23) Report on God’s Field
- 24) Report on the P.N.C.C. Website
- 25) Report on the National Church Center
- 26) Report on the Prime Bishop’s Residence
- 27) New Business
 - a. Naming of the Synodal Commissions and Appointments
- 28) Adjournment of the Synod

While this is a general layout of the reports to be covered at the Synod, this Agenda still needs to be accepted by the Synod body. It may also be adjusted for time considerations as it is planned to deal with some of the longer items at times when the needed time can be allotted to them.

Overlaid on this Agenda there are also plans to build upon the work that was done at the last General Synod and which led to the Future Direction Program within the Church. This component of the Synod will be broken up into various different phases.

- 1) Breakout sessions to evaluate and make suggestions for improvement on the work of the past four years
- 2) Panel to discuss successes in each of the 5 themes from the 2014 Synod
 - a. Growth and Membership
 - b. Increased Spirituality
 - c. Lifelong Learning
 - d. Sacred Vocations
 - e. Community Involvement and Presence
- 3) Breakout groups to further develop the 5 themes and create further direction for implementation in the next synodal period
- 4) Summary Report of the work of the breakout groups and action plan moving forward

These four items will not take place at one point in the program of the Synod but will be spread over the entire three day Synod to allow the delegates ample opportunity for reflection and also time to discuss these items with other delegates. At present it is planned that items 1) and 2) will take place during on the first day, item 3) on the second day and item 4) on the final day as a part of New Business in planning for the next four years.