

Guidelines for Observers of Synod

Preamble:

The whole Diocese is invited, indeed encouraged, to attend the opening service of Synod. Members of the Diocese, who are not elected delegates, are most welcome to attend any or all subsequent sittings of Synod as Observers.

The following guidelines are intended to clarify appropriate etiquette for Observers:

- All Observers must register upon arrival at a sitting of Synod and indicate approximately how long they plan to stay. A designated registration area will be set up for Observers.
- An “Observer” name tag will be provided, and should be worn at all times while in attendance.
- If Observers wish to stay for a meal, either lunch or dinner, they will be asked to pay for their meal when registering: lunch \$6.00; dinner \$12.00. Meal tickets will be provided. (delegates’ meal costs have been paid by their parish). If Observers prefer, they are welcome to bring their own lunch.
- Refreshments at break times are complimentary (refreshments have been sponsored).
- Observers will sit in a designated area where they will be able to see and hear all the proceedings. (Observers are not permitted to sit with delegates from their parish).
- Observers have no speaking or voting privileges at Synod; communication with parish delegates must take place only during refreshment breaks or outside the meeting room.