



Circular No. 21-48

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RE: Preparatory Document and Vademecum for the Synod of Bishops

Your Excellencies:

Attached are the documents related to the Synod of Bishops which the Synod Secretary General promised to send by September. They include the letter of Cardinal Grech, the Preparatory Document and the Vademecum. The documents outline the process that must be undertaken in doing the consultations which they encourage to have “a maximum inclusion and participation, reaching out to involve the greatest number of people possible, and especially those on the periphery who are often excluded and forgotten.”

At this stage, there is already the need to appoint the contact person(s) and form the diocesan team, if you have not yet done so. The Vademecum sets the qualities for the Diocesan Contact Person(s) and the team that will assist the bishop in the consultations. The Vademecum recommends a model of co-leadership thus suggesting that there could be two Diocesan contact persons, one of whom must be a lay person.

Kindly submit to the CBCP Secretariat before the end of September the **names of the Diocesan Contact person(s) with their mobile numbers and email addresses** as they will be the ones who will be in constant contact with the Secretariat.

Praying with you for the success of this pre-synodal consultations as we journey together in this path of synodality.

Sincerely yours,



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