

Patriarchal Sobor 2020

Ukrainian Catholic Church

Lviv, Ukraine 26-29 August 2020

Assembly Motto: "The Church is Always and Everywhere With You"

Theme: "[Emigration, Settlement and the Global Unity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church](#)"

Archeparchial Sobor 2020

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg

Winnipeg, 23 May 2020

The Archeparchial Sobor would take place in **two** phases – on the **Parish level**, then on the Province-wide **Archeparchial level**.

At the Parish Level:

- Each parish – or, perhaps better yet, pastoral district - of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg should have a pre-council gathering, organized by the parish priest,
- At least two weeks ahead this meeting to inform all the parishians about it.
- Invite all parishioners that would like to participate to attend this gathering (*making a special effort to invite and encourage those that have recently moved to Canada from Ukraine*). Be sure to choose a convenient day, time and place.
- Include a prayer component (even including a Eucharistic liturgy or Meleben') to invoke the working of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of Christ Who is the Head of the Church.
- The parish priest or one designated by him can present the themes of the 2020 Sobor – highlighting or reading the Pastoral Letter of the Synod of the Bishops "**Communion and Unity in Life and Service of the UGCC**"
- Discuss questions, prepared by the Archeparchial Working group.
- Choose a delegate (*who may even be the parish priest himself if that is the desire of the parish district*) to attend the Archeparchial council.
- Send in a Protocol of the parish meeting and the observations/proposals to the Archeparchy asap.

Some of the themes for discussion would be:

1. Where are we as a parish, as a Church?

- Has my parish grown or decreased over the past years?
- How does emigration influence our parish? Do people who emigrate from Ukraine have some connection to our parish?
- Do people of other nationalities attend our parish? Why or why not?

2. Who are we today?

- Does my parish try to make connections with newcomers from Ukraine? What are the special efforts or events for them?
- What are the needs of our parishioners? Do our present organizations answer the needs of our parishioners?

3. How are we "united", and what does "unity" mean?

- What can (does) unite our parish as a community?
- What are the means to bring new parishioners?
- Do our children grow with a sense of belonging to our parish community?
- How not to lose yourself during migration?
- Is there a cooperation between our parish and other parishes of our Archeparchy?
- Does our parish appreciate its belonging to the Synodal structure and does it have a connection to the Head of our Church in Ukraine and to the Universal Church?
- What does it mean for you to belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada?

4. How will our parish look like in 10 years?