THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

DECREE OF PROMULGATION
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2025 SYNOD OF YOUNG ADULTS

To the clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Phoenix:

With gratitude to Almighty God and confidence in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I receive the fruits of the 2025 Synod of Young Adults. Convoked within the framework of TILMA, our seven-year pastoral plan for evangelization, this Synod invited young adults to share their experiences, concerns, and hopes, and to help discern how our local Church may more faithfully accompany them in following Jesus Christ.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to every young adult who participated in the listening sessions and online survey, and to all who took part in the Synodal Assembly. Your honesty, prayer, and willingness to share your lives have been a gift to our diocesan family. I am especially grateful to the Synod Preparatory Commission and synthesis team; the facilitators, note-takers, and volunteers; the clergy, consecrated persons, and lay leaders; the parishes, ministries, and communities that hosted and supported this work; and all who sustained the Synod through their prayers and service.

Having received the Report for the 2025 Synod of Young Adults and considered its findings and recommendations, I hereby approve and promulgate them as pastoral directions for the Diocese of Phoenix. I affirm the five converging priorities identified in the Report—belonging, healing, formation, accompaniment, and safety—as guides for our response to young adults and young families.

I call upon our parishes, schools, diocesan offices, and ministries to prayerfully study the Report and incorporate its pastoral directions into their planning and service. Young adults are to be welcomed as active participants in the Church's life and mission, with their gifts and leadership encouraged and their voices included in ongoing discernment.

I entrust to the Vicar for Synodality and Planning, in collaboration with the appropriate diocesan offices, pastoral leaders, and young adults, the coordination of an action plan for my approval.

This plan is to establish concrete steps, responsibilities, and a process for evaluating our progress within the mission of TILMA.

I direct that this Decree and the Report be published through the official communications of the Diocese of Phoenix. The pastoral directions promulgated herein take effect on November 16th, 2026.

Entrusting this work to the maternal care of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I pray that the fruits of this Synod may deepen our communion in Christ and renew our commitment to accompany young adults as missionary disciples.

Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Phoenix, Arizona, on the 16th day of November 2026.

+ John P. Dolan
Bishop of Phoenix

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