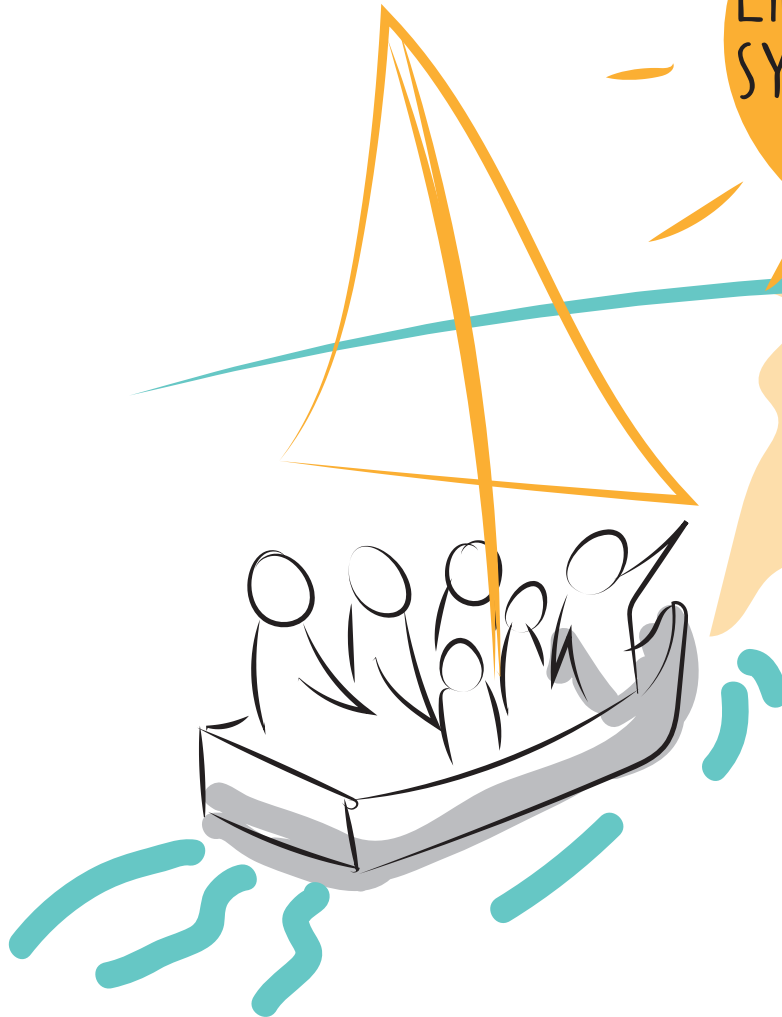


“LIMERICK: WHAT IS OUR MISSION?”
IS BEING HELD IN PREPARATION
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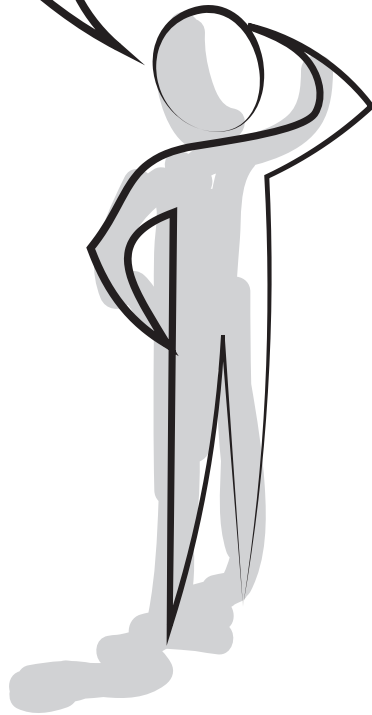
A SYNOD IS A LARGE ASSEMBLY OF
CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES THAT
IDENTIFIES AND INDICATES PRECISE
PATHWAYS FOR THE CHURCH TO
FOLLOW IN COMING YEARS.



WE NEED TO HAVE NEW CONVERSATIONS THAT
CREATE NEW ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND
COME UP WITH SOMETHING CREATIVE AND NEW.



WHAT MATTERS MOST TO US
HERE IN LIMERICK? THE MISSION
FOR THE CITY HAS TO COME
FROM WITHIN.



TO DETERMINE THE CITY'S MISSION, WE HAVE TO START WITH
YOUR PERSONAL MISSION AND HOW IT BECOMES THE VISION
AND MISSION OF THE CITY.



“IF WE CAN CONNECT OUR OWN PERSONAL VISION OF
WHAT WE CARE ABOUT IN OUR CITY TO WHAT OTHERS
CARE ABOUT AND FIND A COMMON GROUND, WE CAN
START TO MOVE FORWARD AND BUILD A CITY MISSION.”

DR LORNA GOLD.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL 'ON CARE FOR A COMMON HOME'.

THE PARADOX OF POVERTY AND
COMMUNITY-SPIRIT IN CITIES:

“ANY PLACE CAN BE TURNED
FROM BEING HELL ON EARTH TO
A PLACE WHERE ONE CAN LIVE A
DIGNIFIED LIFE.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING PEOPLE
IN PLANNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THEIR COMMUNITIES.

THE PROCESS OF INTEGRATION OF
COMMUNITIES - HOW DO YOU CREATE
ONE SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN
LARGE URBAN AREAS?



POPE FRANCIS.

WHEN LIMERICK IS AT IT'S BEST – STORIES:

THE ARTS



THE GRANNY – THE SUN SHONE FOR THREE DAYS, OVER 200,000 PEOPLE CAME TO VISIT LIMERICK. IT WAS THE CULMINATION OF A REALLY WONDERFUL EVENT .

COMMUNITY SPIRIT



THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE – INDIVIDUAL STORY OF A GIRL WHO SHARED HER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT VOLUNTARILY WITH A COLLEAGUE WHO LOST HER JOB.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT



COMMUNITY SPIRIT AFTER THE FLOODING – THE WAY PEOPLE HELPED ONE ANOTHER.

WHAT WERE THE KEY CONDITIONS THAT MADE
THOSE EXPERIENCES POSSIBLE?
WHAT HAD TO BE IN PLACE FOR THOSE



WHAT SHOULD WE KEEP?

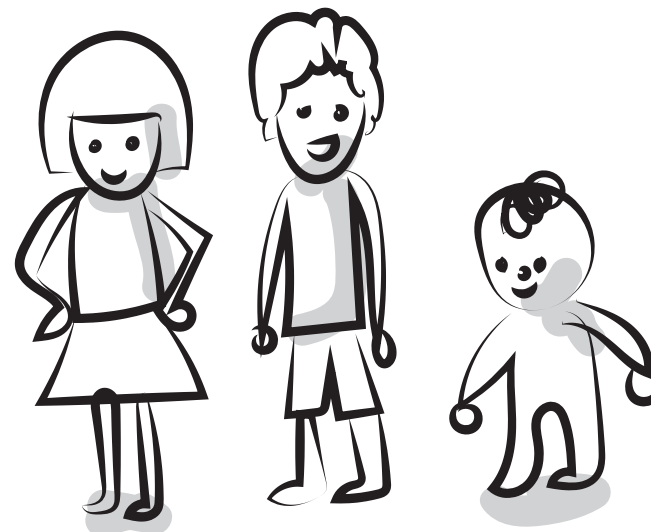
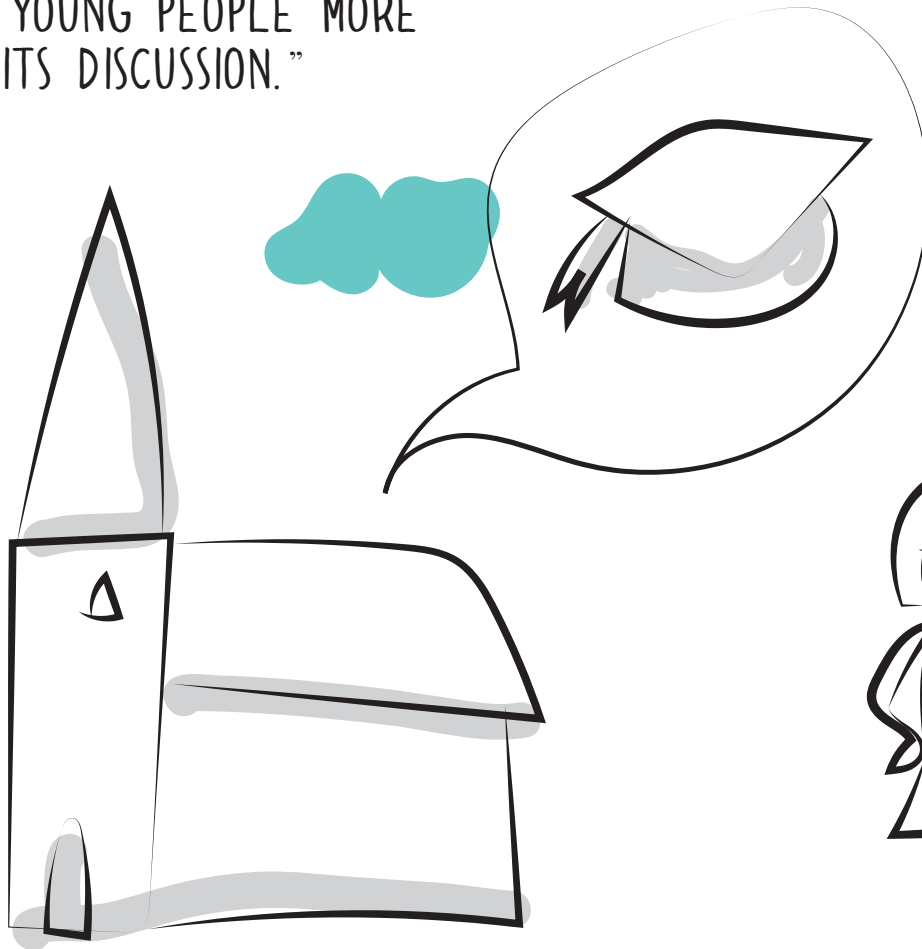


FINAL DISCUSSION TOPIC

“HOW CAN THE CHURCH HELP TO DELIVER ON LIMERICK’S MISSION?”

“THE CHURCH HAS A STRONG INFLUENCE ON HOW PEOPLE ACCESS EDUCATION AND COULD INCLUDE YOUNG PEOPLE MORE IN ITS DISCUSSION.”

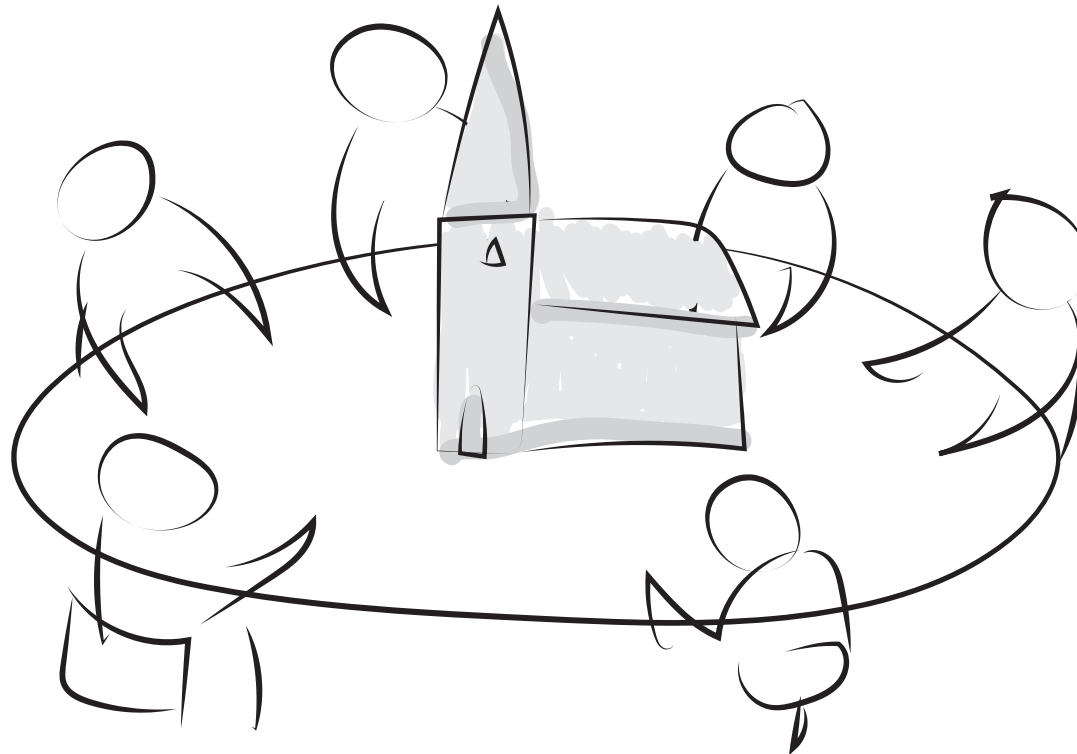
HOW TO MAKE THE CHURCH MORE RELEVANT TO MORE PEOPLE? THE CHURCH NEEDS TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE MORE AND ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.



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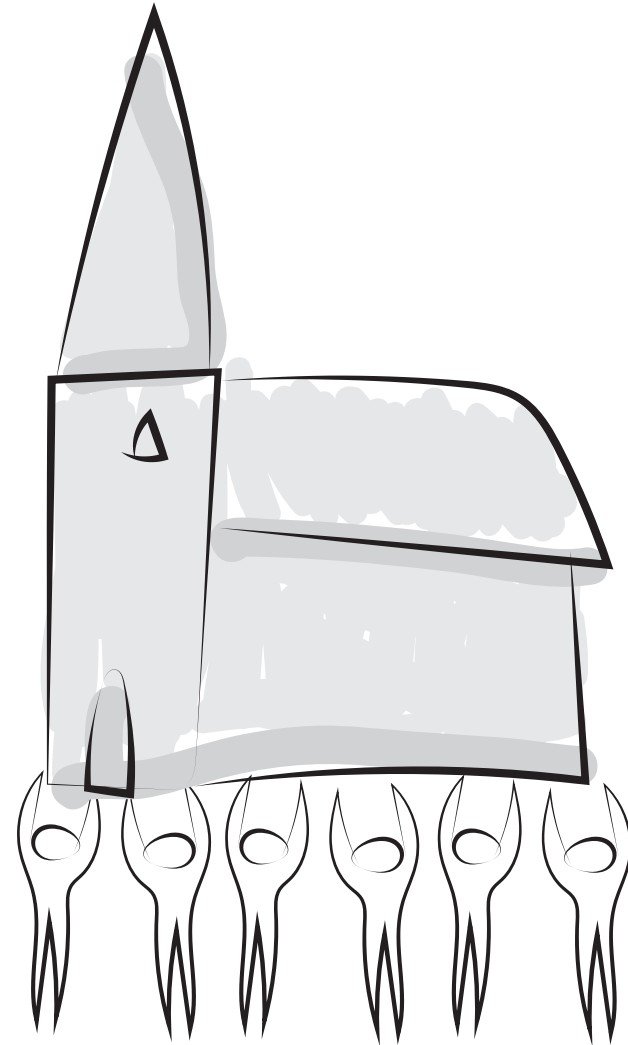
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THE CHURCH SHOULD BE RUN MORE LIKE A BUSINESS, WITH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE STAKEHOLDERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE WELL REPRESENTED ON THE CHURCH BOARD.



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THE CHURCH IS BUILT ON ITS PEOPLE, NOT JUST ITS HIERARCHY. THE CHURCH COULD BE AN ADVOCATE FOR ACCESSING GREATER RESOURCES.

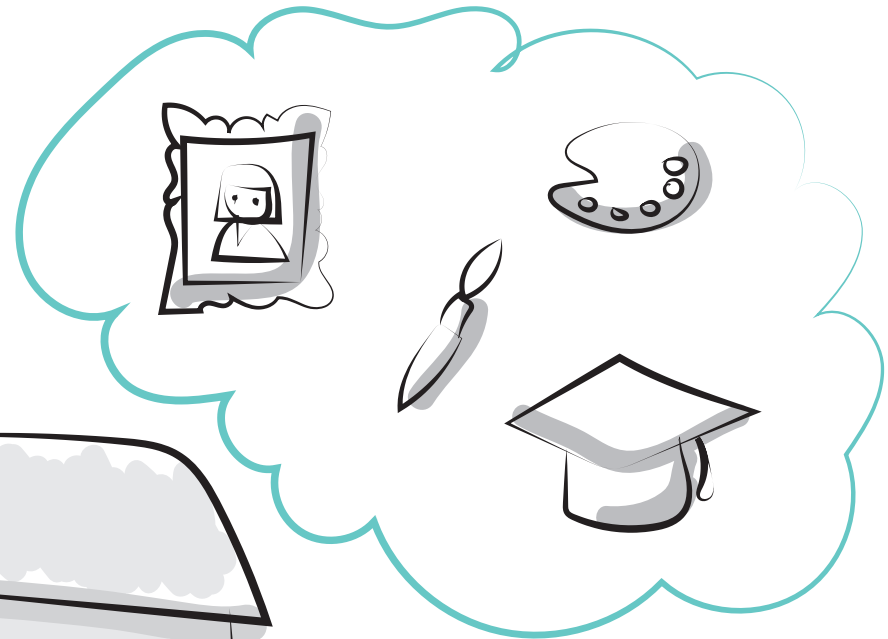
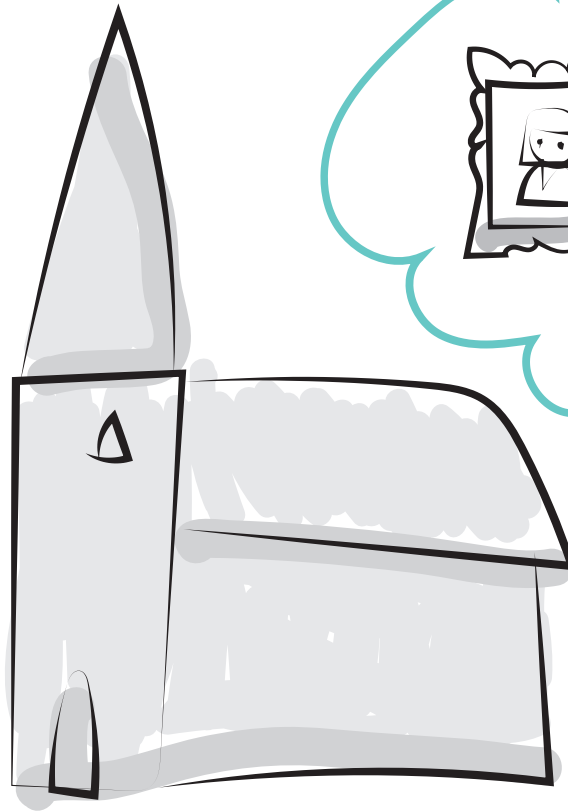
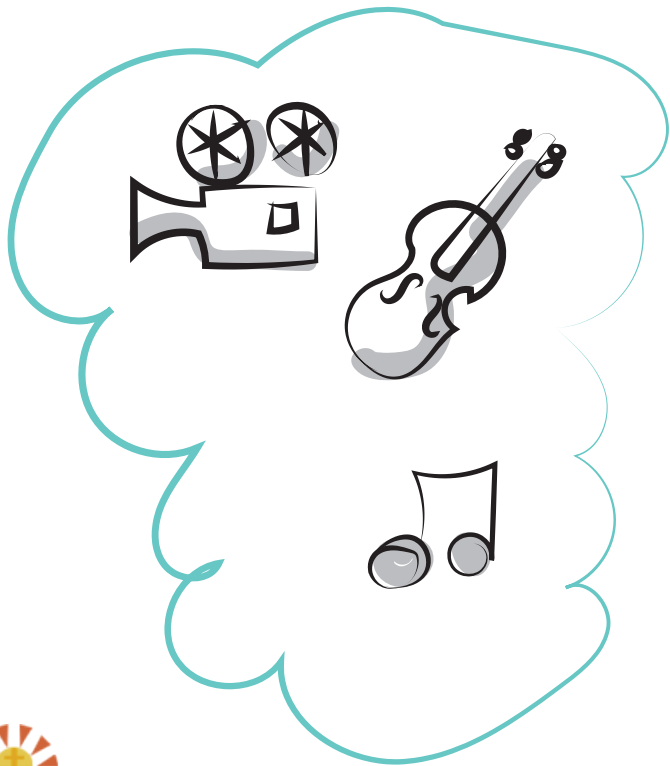


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CHURCH BUILDINGS – HOW WELCOMING ARE THEY TO NON CHURCH GOERS? OPEN THEM UP TO EVERYONE. USE THEM MORE FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THE CHURCH NEEDS TO BE MORE PROACTIVE IN ATTRACTING PEOPLE IN AND ADDRESSING APATHY TOWARDS THE CHURCH AS AN INSTITUTION.



FR. EAMONN'S CLOSING COMMENTS

"THE DIOCESAN SYNOD IS ABOUT REACHING OUT AND ENGAGING.
WE NEED TO BE IN DIALOGUE WITH THE WIDER WORLD."

SIX THEMES HAVE BEEN SELECTED
FOR THE **SYNOD** PROCESS:

FAMILY
COMMUNITY
YOUNG PEOPLE
EDUCATION
NEW MODELS OF LEADERSHIP
LITURGY IN LIFE



BISHOP BRENDAN, CLOSING COMMENTS:

“WE HAVE TO COMMUNICATE INTERGENERATIONALLY – HAVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE YOUNG AND THE OLD AND TO LISTEN TO THEIR IDEAS.”

