**Meetings of the various committees in the different Catholic dioceses to discuss the activation of the Synod:**

1. **The Coptic Catholic Patriarch chairs the meetings of the Central Committee to activate the Synod of Bishops 2023**

The Beatitude Anba Ibrahim Ishak, Patriarch of Alexandria for the Coptic Catholics, chaired the meetings of the Central Committee for activating the Synod of Bishops 2023, under the slogan "For a Synod Church, communion, participation, and mission", in the presence of His Eminence Bishop Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for Patriarchal Diocese Affairs, and Member of the Information Committee For the Synod of Bishops 2023, where meetings were held on the 20th and 21st of this month, at Our Lady of Peace House for Coptic Catholics in Sheraton, in the presence of the members of the committee.

The committee’s meetings over the two days included the presentation of the synod topic, which is “For the sake of a synodal church, communion, participation, and mission”, as well as an explanation and discussion of the preparatory document with HG Anba Bakhoum, meetings on the message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Diocese of Rome from Father Milad Shehata, and a meeting on the practical role of the committee and the development of the work plan and its times.

The meetings also included working groups, practical workshops for what will actually be done in all dioceses, in addition to making suggestions, issuing the first final statement of the Central Committee, and some administrative matters. The meeting of the Central Committee to activate the Synod concluded with a speech from His Beatitude the Patriarch for all, and the final prayer

**2- Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the 2023 Synod of the Diocese of Ismailia**

Under the patronage of Eminence Anba Daniel Lotfy, Coptic Catholic Metropolitan of the Diocese of Ismailia and Canal Cities and Dependencies, Father Hanna Siddiq, Spokesman for the Preparatory Committee for Synod 2023 “For the Synod of the Ismaili Church of Communion, Participation, and Mission, met on November 2nd” Priests and laity concerned with preparations and activating the work of Synod 2023.

**3- The Ten Gems in the Preparatory Committee for the Synod of Bishops in Assiut**

In the presence and presidency of The Eminence Bishop Kirolos William, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Assiut for the Coptic Catholics, the diocesan committee in charge of preparing for the Synod of Bishops “For a Synod Church, Partnership, Participation, and Message” held its first meeting at the Diocese headquarters, in the city of Assiut, on Monday evening, corresponding to the eighteenth of October. The meeting was moderated by Father Ignatius Habib, General Coordinator of the Committee, with the participation of Father Boutros Youssef, Father Raymond Naim, and Father Youhanna Maher, members of the Committee.

During the meeting, the members of the committee discussed the ten essences that lead to the activation of the Synod lived in the Church, and these themes are: “companions on the road, listening, speaking, celebrating, shared responsibility, dialogue in the church and society, dialogue with Christian denominations, power and participation, discrimination and decision-making.” and, finally, the Synodal Formation. At the conclusion of the meeting, the participants stressed the importance of reaching all the children of the churches in the diocese, urging them to experience the historical event of walking together, accompanied by Jesus, to build a living church capable of proclaiming the Father’s love through the witness of unity, and capable of proclaiming the Gospel with confidence.

**4- Bishop Baselios meets with the officials of the parish councils in the eparchy "for the sake of a synodal church"**

The Information Office of the Diocese of Minya stated that the Eminence Anba Baselios Fawzi, Metropolitan of the Minya Diocese of the Coptic Catholics, met on the evening of the thirteenth of October with the priests and sisters of the nuns from the various religious orders in the diocese.

Representatives of services and activities in the diocesan churches, as well as representatives of all service offices, activities, and all eparchial institutions also participated in the meeting, where the motto of the eparchy for the year 2021-2022 “Together for the Growth of Our Church” was announced.

Fr. Isaiah Makram explained the preparatory document for the 2023 Synod, and then His Eminence Bishop Baselios delivered a speech on “meeting, listening and discerning”, and His Eminence listened to all opinions and suggestions. Subsequently, the bishop's father gave some visions and directions for the coming period, focusing on the importance of exploiting the energies of the diocese's youth. Anba Baselios also announced the "Our Youth is Our Future" initiative, where His Eminence gave a comprehensive vision for it, in addition to the steps for its implementation, within the framework of caring for the diocese's youth.

**5- Bishop Bishara forms a committee to prepare for a synod for a synodal church**

The activity page of our Catholic Church stated that His Eminence Bishara Judah, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Abu Qirqas, Mallawi and Dermwas for the Coptic Catholics, has formed a diocese committee to prepare for a synod for a synodal church, on Thursday, October 7th.

The first meeting of the committee was held, where the outlines of the preparatory document for the synod were presented, and agreement was made on the role of each person in his parish or institution. His Eminence This work is everyone's responsibility, just as the Church today does not reject anyone, opens her arms to everyone, and wants the preparation for this Synod to be like a torch that works in every person.

**6- Bishop Bishara hosts Bishop Bakhoum in Abu Qurqas**

The page of the Coptic Catholic Diocese of Abu Qurqas stated the Eminence Bishop Bechara Judah, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Abu Qirqas, Mallawi and Dermwas for the Coptic Catholics, received on the morning of September 11, His Eminence Bishop Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for Patriarchal Diocese Affairs and Official Spokesman for the Catholic Church in Egypt.

A group of priests of the diocese was received by His Eminence, where the meeting took place with His Eminence within the framework of the procession of the Universal Church, in preparation for the Church's orientation in the coming period towards a Synodal Church. The meeting prevailed in an atmosphere of love and encouragement to raise awareness of the Church's future aspirations.

**7- Bishop Baselios receives Bishop Bakhoum**

The Media Office of the Diocese of Minya stated that His Eminence Anba Baselios Fawzi, Metropolitan of the Minya Diocese of the Coptic Catholics, received this morning His Eminence Anba Bakhoum, the Patriarchal Vicar for the Patriarchal Diocese and the Official Spokesman for the Catholic Church in Egypt. A number of priests of the Diocese participated in the reception.

The meeting revolved around the procession of the Universal Church, with a view to the church's orientation in the coming period towards a "Synodal Church of communion, participation and mission". The meeting prevailed in an atmosphere of love and encouragement, to raise awareness of the Church's future aspirations.

**8- Eminence Bishop Bakhoum meeting with the Sisters of the Little Sisters of Jesus in Mokattam**

On Monday morning, corresponding to the nineteenth of October, Eminence Bishop Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for the Patriarchal Diocese, met the nuns of the Little Sisters of Jesus, at the monastic headquarters in Mokattam.

The meeting revolved around the preparatory document for the Synod of Bishops 2023 “For the Synodal Church of Communion, Participation, and Mission”, then His Eminence presided over the Divine Liturgy, with the participation of the sisters’ nuns.

**9-Bishop Bakhoum meets with the priests of the Patriarchal Diocese in Cairo and the Synod Committee**

Under the patronage of The Beatitude Patriarch Ibrahim Ishak, His Eminence Bishop Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for Patriarchal Diocese Affairs and Member of the Information Committee of the Synod of Bishops 2023, met on the evening of the 2023 of October with the priests of the Patriarchal Eparchy in Cairo and the Synod Committee, who are representatives of the churches of the patriarchal eparchy in Cairo, and the priests , and representatives of some religious orders, at the patriarchal headquarters in Kobry al-Qubba.

The meeting began with His Eminence welcoming all the attendees, and thanking them for their presence and generosity. The meeting revolved around the plan to activate the synod in the patriarchal eparchial churches in Alexandria. This took place after His Eminence explained the preparatory document for the 2023 Synod, and Anba Bakhoum explained that the word Synod means “to walk together,” referring to The Synod will take us on a synodal journey, in which we see the face of God, the Church, the other, and ourselves with different eyes, bearing a meaning and a pure value to the heart of the Lord.

It is worth noting that this Synod will be held from 2021 to 2023, when the Synod will conclude with the publication of its document. This Synod is distinguished by the fact that it will be conducted by the entire People of God, and is based on its participation.

**10- Bishop Bakhoum meets with the Episcopal Synod Committee in Alexandria**

On the evening of the twenty-second of October, His Grace Bishop Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for Patriarchal Diocese Affairs and Member of the Information Committee of the Synod of Bishops 2023, met the eparchial synod committee in Alexandria, consisting of the priests of the Patriarchal Diocese in Alexandria, and a representative representing each church, through whom the Synod will activate the “communion.” Participation, and the message" 2021-2023.

The meeting began with His Eminence welcoming all the attendees, and thanking them for their presence and generosity. The meeting revolved around the plan to activate the synod in the patriarchal eparchial churches in Alexandria. This took place after His Eminence explained the preparatory document for the 2023 Synod, and Anba Bakhoum explained that the word Synod means “to walk together,” referring to The Synod will take us on a synodal journey, in which we see the face of God, the Church, the other, and ourselves with different eyes, bearing a meaning and a pure value to the heart of the Lord.

**11- HG Bishop Bakhoum meets with the Synod Committee in the Delta region**

On Saturday, November 1, His Eminence Anba Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for the Patriarchal Diocese and Member of the Information Committee of the Synod of Bishops 2023, met with members of the Synod Committee in the Delta region of the diocese, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Quesna. The meeting began with prayer, then acquaintance between the members of the committee.

The meeting was attended by Father Barnabas Fanous, Pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady, Chargé affairs of the Delta region in the patriarchal diocese, Father Boutros Estephan, pastor of Saint George Church in Ashmon, Father Daniel Hanna, assistant pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady in Quesna, and the deacons of the Delta region: Deacon Francis Anis and Deacon Paula. Gerges, members of the committee.

The meeting included an explanation of the synod's slogan, an introduction to its most important goals, and a talk about how to work to activate the synod's goals through the churches of the delta, and then concluded with prayer.

**12"Together We Walk"... The Patriarchal Diocese Meets for a Synod Church**

Under the slogan "Together we walk towards listening and discernment", a special meeting was held for the Synod Church, in the Patriarchal Diocese, for some servants of the churches of the Patriarchal Diocese in Cairo, on Friday morning, corresponding to the twelfth of this month Saint Stephen's Hall for the Coptic Catholics, Hadayek al-Qubba.

The day began with praise, then a brief summary of the content of the day was given with Father Milad Shehata, the Franciscan, and Brother Andrew. This was followed by a meeting with His Eminence Bishop Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for the Patriarchal Diocese, noting that the word of the Synod is the fire of the Holy Spirit, which enlightens our souls, stressing that the Synod is not just a slogan that repeats, saying: The beginning of the road to listening is repentance.

**13- Bishop Bakhoum meets the sisters of Our Lady of Love for the Good Shepherd in Shubra**

On Saturday morning, corresponding to the thirteenth of this month, His Eminence Anba Bakhoum, Patriarchal Vicar for the Patriarchal Diocese, met with the sisters of Our Lady of Love for the Good Shepherd, at the monastery headquarters in Shubra.

This came with the participation of Sister Iman Farouk, the regional head of the sisters of the Good Shepherd in Egypt and Sudan, and members of the monastic order. The meeting began with an acquaintance, then His Eminence delivered a speech on the 2023 Synod of Bishops “For the Synod of Communion, Participation, and Mission.”

The discussion revolved around the preparatory document for the Synod of Bishops, through the meaning and objectives of the Synod, describing the Synod with the fire of the Holy Spirit, which enlightens our souls. His Eminence also clarified that what distinguishes this Synod is that it is no longer limited to the bishops and metropolitans, but rather includes all the baptized.

The discussion also touched upon the ten essences of the Synod, as well as how to activate this Synod in monasticism, in addition to some matters that should be paid attention to during the implementation of the Synodal procession.