

# TURNING TO GRACE

## OUR DIOCESAN PLAN



### For Diocesan Council and Synod

#### PREAMBLE

If the parish is strong, the Diocese is strong. *Turning to Grace* is predicated on fostering strong and healthy parishes and coordinated work between parishes, deaneries, and Huron Church House. It is the particular role of the governing bodies of the Diocese of Huron—the Synod and the Diocesan Council—to monitor the implementation of the plan as a whole as well as to review and approve (or not) the individual reports, policies, and motions that are brought before them to enable individual Acts and Activities in the plan. Questions of stewardship and resource allocation are central to the responsibilities of Synod and Diocesan Council, which include such matters as:

- Annual operating budget;
- Annual review engagement or audit and the appointment of auditors;
- Allocation of funding from centrally held trusts and endowments;
- Property matters (disestablishment and sale of churches and property, parish amalgamations or reorganisations, etc.);
- Changes to the canons and/or constitution, or to Diocesan policies.

It is imperative that the decisions made by these bodies with the concurrence of the Bishop of Huron are consistent with—and, ideally, will further—the objectives of *Turning to Grace*.

Finally, it is hoped that opportunities will be found at the regular meetings of these bodies to participate in some of the initiatives from the three pillars that are happening at the parish and deanery levels (e.g., bible studies, small-group learning experiences).

# ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING ON PROGRESS

While the ultimate oversight of implementation of *Turning to Grace* rests with the Bishop of Huron and the Synod (Diocesan Council), day-to-day responsibility and accountability rests with the Archdeacon of Huron and Secretary-Treasurer, assisted by the Governance Coordinator. All of the Archdeacons, including the Secretary-Treasurer, have responsibility for specific areas of the Diocesan Plan.

Progress on the Acts and Activities of the Plan will be regularly discussed at the Archdeacons' Residential meetings (three times a year) as well as at the monthly meetings of the Territorial Archdeacons with the Bishop, Secretary-Treasurer, and Archdeacon, Episcopal Office. A verbal report on progress will be made by the Secretary-Treasurer at all meetings of Diocesan Council, with a written report being provided annually at the June in-person meeting as well as at the Fall meeting of Synod.

ACTS AND ACTIVITIES		
1.	Verbal report provided at all Diocesan Council meetings, with a written report provided annually at the June in-person meeting.  Who? Secretary-Treasurer	Spring 2025
2.	Written report provided to Synod.  Who? Secretary-Treasurer	Fall 2025 and ongoing
3.	Assessment of how the expectations, structures, and reporting of our committees is congruent with the Diocesan Plan.  Who? Secretary-Treasurer	Spring 2026