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As we continue Easter joy, you may find the Hallelujah link below to be inspiring.

Many thanks to those who responded to the April 13 e-letter, asking for prayers for our Oblate April 18-20 convocation. It was a mixed experience, called a hybrid convocation, since we gathered in four places joined by technology. The technology was very faulty and difficult. But the Oblates who came to the four sites made it worthwhile. Father Emmanuel Mulenga, the first Zambian to be on our USA provincial council, and Father Felix Nyambe, superior of our Buffalo, NY community, are great missionaries who strengthen our ministry in the USA. They both came to our Tewksbury, MA site for the convocation.

Please pull up the USA Oblate website Mission-Unity-Dialogue, (MUD), www.harrywinter.org, to see some very important insights on Synodality. Every diocese in the world is going through this process to prepare for the Vatican Synods on Synodality this October and October 2023. Some, like the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, MN, have just about finished their local process. Others, like the Archdiocese of Boston, MA, are just beginning. In our parish gathering on May 15, we learned that the Greek word means "walking together," that the fourth mandated discussion question includes "the core mission of the Church--making disciples for Jesus," and the sixth mandated question asks "in your parish is there a dialogue with other faith communities who are not Catholic?"

So Mission and Ecumenism are at the very heart of this process of synodality.

The two pyramids at the very bottom of the MUD home page explain the difference between what most of us experienced growing up, and the push today, especially to declericalize the Catholic Church and make the laity true partners with the clergy. You may find the articles above and below the pyramids to be informative.

During the month of May, we remember that Mary is the mother of witness and unity, working so all Christians will recognize together her Son, that all may be one, that the world may believe (Jo. 17:21).

May her rosary bring about the end of the war in the Ukraine.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Harry Winter, O.M.I.

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An Easter Hallelujah Cassandra Star & her sister Callahan