



Arcivescovo Metropolita di Izmir

Dear brothers and sisters,

in the past months, the Christian communities present in Turkey, together with those spread throughout the world, have followed the synodal path desired by Pope Francis to manifest in a concrete way the mystery of communion that is the essence of the Church and to foster the active participation of all the faithful, according to the charisms and gifts that Holy Spirit arouses in each, in the life of the ecclesial community. The time has now come to experience together a new stage of our journey: the Synodal Convention of the Church of Turkey.

Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.: Solemn concelebration of the Eucharist in the ancient basilica of the Council of Ephesus. The liturgy will be presided over by **His Excellency Most Rev. Marek Solczyński**, Apostolic Nuncio to Turkey. **His Holiness Bartholomew I**, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, will be present at this celebration, with other Catholic and Orthodox Bishops

Sunday, October 9, 2022 9:00 a.m.: Gathering at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Izmir and beginning the work of the Conference, which will continue until the afternoon. At **5 p.m.** solemn celebration of the Eucharist. The Conference will end at **6.30 p.m.**

I would like to invite each of you to participate in our Synodal Convention and I ask each of you to pray so that through this meaningful community moment the Church present in Turkey may grow in discernment of God's will and renew its commitment to implement it with total dedication and evangelical trust.

I cordially greet you, invoking upon you, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God, the Lord's blessing.

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