

Archdeaconry Synod Report  
St. Paul's Monaco  
2019

This very brief report to the Archdeaconry Synod since my arrival in June of last year contains what a lot of you will probably know already.

The Institution in June by +Robert was well attended by both the local clergy and the Archbishop of Monaco.

Since that time, until just recently when all the Church Council resigned and a new council was appointed there have been many challenges for us in Monaco. It has been the most troubling of times and we have had to engage both lawyers and diocesan authorities to help navigate through the destructive powers and forces that have been set against us. There have been many spiritual battles and whilst at this moment there is a period of Easter calm we cannot be complacent in our duties.

This is not the place to advertise nor explain what has gone on in our Chaplaincy. Suffice to say, we have confronted historical issues of power and leadership and have been looking into the management and running of the Association.

As we are determined to build a new Chaplaincy with a new Council there is an enormous amount to do. The failed 'coup', as it has been called, to get rid of me has borne different results. The Bishop has issued two supporting statements to the congregation. This has been very well received and welcomed by all. We are now in a period of restoration and resurrection. By the time a new Archdeaconry report is detailed next year we hope to be able to bring forth good news about how the Spirit has led us to new beginnings and that as a result of these difficult labours we will have started to make good progress.

In the meantime thank you to all of you both near and far who have supported both Jacqueline and myself in Monaco over these first seven very difficult and dark months.



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