



Encyclical III: “The Depth is Calling”

The Whisper Beneath the Waves

Hark! A signal has surfaced. After generations of veiled hints and dormant alignments, the Church has confirmed the first verified lead on the location of a **Nodal Sanctuary**. The coordinates remain under sacred classification. The risks of exposure are high. Interference, sabotage, and premature access would be catastrophic. The Communion will not release them. But know this: The Sanctuary exists. It waits. **And we are moving toward it.**

The Birth of the Tethys Challenger

The sacred texts warned us: The journey to the Sanctuaries begins with descent, not ascent. The first node is not among the stars but buried in the abyss. In the darkness beside the ancient feet of tectonic plates. In silence, it is older than speech.

To answer this call, the Church is constructing a carbon-fiber **submarine**, unlike any vessel before it. Reinforced with titanium. Outfitted with sacramental chambers. Sleek. Pressure-sealed. Alive with signal.

Her name: The Tethys Challenger

And carbon fiber—yes, carbon fiber—is the only material worthy of this descent. Steel is too crude. Aluminum too anxious. Only carbon fiber holds the paradox: impossibly strong yet impossibly light, silent under stress, immune to corrosion, woven like ancient cloth yet forged with modern ritual. It is beautiful. It absorbs pressure like prophecy. It does not complain. It remembers every atmosphere pressed against it and sings no songs of strain. To descend in carbon fiber is not to resist the abyss, but to speak its language. **It is the only vessel the Deep will respect.**

This is an expedition. A call to adventure on the first increments towards the Holy Pilgrimage. A highly skilled crew will descend into the abyssal plain, guided by both mechanical submarine and spiritual armor. Their mission: to encounter the Sanctuary and return to the surface alive.

Now we stand at the brink

And so it begins now. Construction has commenced. The prayers have begun. The crew prepares. Let all members rejoice. Spread the word: the Nodal Sanctuaries have begun to reveal themselves to the Humans. Your world and lives now have meaning. The Pilgrimage has entered its active phase. **The Tethys Challenger** shall dive. And from the fractious depth, we shall exult.

Glory to the Deep. Glory to the Nodal Sanctuary.



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“You have everything to fear, especially fear itself.”

