**ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

*Present: Most Reverend Mitchell Rozanski, Most Reverend Mark Rivituso, V.G., Rev. Msgr. Dennis Stehly, V.G., Very Rev. Msgr. Mike Turek, Very Rev. Thomas Molini, Very Rev. Dan Shaughnessy (by Zoom), Very Rev. Joseph Post, Very Rev. Msgr. Mark Ullrich, Very Rev. Charles Barthel, Very Rev. Scott Jones, Very Rev. Paul Niemann, Rev. Chris Martin, Nancy Werner, Mike School, Thomas LaMantia, Peter Frangie, Kitty Brighton, John Schwob, Steve Ringkamp, Melanie Wilson, Kim Reid, Jerry Keeven, John Gabler, Mark Goldstein, Patricia Drury, Thomas Purcell, Sr. Suzanne Giblin, Paul Arand, Deacon Larry Boldt, Deacon Thomas Gottlieb, Sister Marysia Weber, RSM, Sister Susan Marie Krupp, ASCJ, Angie Moser, John Blase, Sandra Price, Jennifer Stanard*

* Bishop Rivituso opened the meeting with Evening Prayer.
* Welcome and Introductions by Archbishop Rozanski:

He welcomed new members. Acknowledged members whose terms expire at month end.

Archbishop discussed the Survey Monkey from the May 11 meeting. He thanked those members that participated in the survey – helps us in planning process, feedback helps us plan future meetings. The Archbishop summarized what the survey said, particularly in the “comments” section of the survey. In the future, he would like 100 % participation in post-meeting survey.

Archbishop expressed gratitude to members for time spent at these meetings and the work required ahead of time.

Introduced Mike School and explains role of Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) in the archdiocesan strategic planning process.

He discussed the appointment of Father Chris Martin as Vicar for Strategic Planning.

Archbishop indicated that priests are wanting to know if he is serious about this strategic planning.

CLI has asked Archbishop to convene a commission – APC will serve in this capacity because they are a diverse group. The APC is the first group to hear about the next steps of this strategic planning process. This process requires prayer approach and honest feedback. Some information is still in draft form so keep the information shared this evening in strictest of confidence.

Archbishop thanked the members for being a part of this process. Appreciates your service to the Church of St. Louis.

* Strategic Planning Process for all parishes, schools and agencies (2 year planning process, 3-5 year implementation):

Fr. Chris Martin introduced himself and shared his background.

Discernment is difficult. Different opportunities require discernment. Have to determine what He is calling us to.

Process must be permeated in prayer. Must allow the Lord to lead us into the future.

It is our goal to reshape this archdiocese for the next century.

* Mike School shared information about his background – lives in the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia; explained past employment leading up to CLI.
* Strategic Pastoral Planning Process Goals:

-Unceasing Prayer, Unifying Vision, Intentional Stewardship

* Theme is “All Things New” – each and every one of us new through this process
* Summarizes Strategic Pastoral Planning Process To Date
* Initial feedback gathered from nearly 650 members of the clergy and laity in August and September 2021
* The role of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council: Discern, Validate and Refine, Attend, Support, Publicize
* Norms and Ground Rules
* Strategic Pastoral Planning Process Key Advisory Bodies: Archbishop Rozanski, Core Planning Team, Workstream Leads, Strategic Planning Workstream Advisory Councils, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Priests & Religious, Deacons, Archdiocesan Advisory Councils, Archdiocesan Curia & Staff, Archdiocesan Seminary
* Fr. Chris Martin – what will happen in first year?

-Unceasing Prayer: unite faithful in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the strategic planning process (create prayer, share monthly prayer intentions from Archbishop Rozanski, develop weekly prayer intentions for Sunday Masses); gather the faithful in opportunities for prayer (coordinate prayer events with the Eucharistic Revival, host regional prayer events for clergy and laity)

-Unifying Vision: nurture a shared language for evangelization effort; develop prayer resources for individuals and families; share best practices for increasing hospitality efforts; equip leaders to proclaim our mission to “Go make disciples”; host service opportunities on the diocesan and parish levels

-Intentional Stewardship: equip the APC to be a key consultative body for planning; gather input from the faithful and clergy of the area, which addresses key mission needs and new or existing opportunities by considering the number of parishes and current missionary outreach; assess the current priestly availability and future projections for active priests and acknowledge the sustainability of our priestly presence in each area; propose models which best use diocesan and parochial resources to be allocated to meet the needs of the archdiocese to meet its evangelization vision into the next century

* Breakout Session Questions for Discussion – 5 breakout groups:

1. Think about the Catholic presence in the archdiocese. Where are the areas where the Catholic church needs to be more present? In what capacity (i.e. churches, ministries)?
2. What do you hope comes from this strategic plan?
3. What do you see as your role in the New Evangelization?
4. From what you heard tonight, what do you feel like the most challenging part of the strategic pastoral planning process will be?­

* Closing comments from Mike School and Father Martin. Pray for each other and pray for this planning process.
* Nancy Werner announced Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly on Saturday, October 9. All are invited. Please let her know if you want to attend.
* Final Comments and Closing Prayer by Archbishop Rozanski

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

**Location: Cardinal Rigali Center**

Monday, December 13, 2021 – Mass and Dinner

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Tuesday, October 11, 2022