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A newsletter devoted to the Archdiocesan Synod.

Archbishop ListECKi Declares New Vision and Mission for the Archdiocese

With joy and conviction, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi has issued a Synodal Declaration that will set the stage for our archdiocese for the next 10-15 years. To access the full declaration, go to www.archmil.org/Synod2014/Synodal-Declaration.htm.

“In this moment, we now stand poised, like Simon Peter and the early Church, to go forth and witness our belief in Jesus Christ with the same passion and purpose they did on that amazing morning of Pentecost,” he declared.

“Our implementation of the Synod will truly be an extension of Peter’s courageous and efficacious witness to Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith to a vast world that speaks many languages, lives in diverse cultures and thirsts for love and peace, purpose and joy.”

Vision

The vision of the archdiocese is to powerfully evangelize, especially at the parish level, and lead everyone into a deeper Christian discipleship and so to experience salvation through a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

We envision our parishes where...

1. The Eucharist is celebrated with **love** and understood as the source and summit.
2. Catholics regularly celebrate the **sacrament of reconciliation** as a source of mercy and forgiveness.
3. Our children, young people and adults are **solidly formed** in the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith.
4. Catholics know and live the personal and **social dimensions of Church teaching**.
5. Our communities are **welcoming and invite people** to give of their time, talent and treasure.
6. Religious **vocations** of all types are nurtured in our young people.
7. We live a healthy and **dynamic ecumenism**, joining with people of other faiths in prayer and service.

Mission

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his saving death and resurrection by calling, forming and sending disciples to go and make new disciples.

As a people, we are called to encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.

Decisive Pastoral Priorities at a Glance

The following pastoral priorities were presented by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI in his Synodal Declaration.

These priorities are based off the top two initiatives in each of the eight mission areas that were voted on at the

Synod. A complete list of mission areas, Synod initiatives and voting results can be found at www.archmil.org.

Liturgy

Priorities Declared for Liturgy

Realities: The Sunday Mass is at the heart of everything we do as Catholics. Many Catholics would like to grow in their knowledge and appreciation of the Mass. Many other Catholics do not attend Sunday Mass as regularly as they once did, but might welcome being invited back.

- #1 Intentional invitation and hospitality
- #2 New resources to teach about the Mass
- #3 Greater emphasis on Sacrament of Reconciliation
- #4 Promote various worship and devotional opportunities

Cultural Diversity

Priorities Declared for Cultural Diversity

Realities: Diversity is integral to the Church's identity and mission to "go forth and baptize all nations." The growing diversity in Church and society calls us to understand and embrace the gifts of various cultures. A number of parishes already share cultures and more will in the future. The Bishops' Conference calls them "shared parishes."

- #1 Create awareness at parish level to embrace cultural diversity
- #2 Increased training for parishes
- #3 Through bishops, voice social justice
- #4 Guidelines to share traditions

Evangelization

Priorities Declared for Evangelization

Realities: Evangelization is at the very heart of the Church. Evangelization is not simply one of many activities conducted by Christ's Church, but, in fact, her very reason for being, "her deepest identity" (Paul VI, *Evangelii nuntiandi*, no. 14).

- #1 Equip leaders in the archdiocese for evangelization
- #2 Strengthen Catholic identity in marriages, families, parishes, schools
- #3 Establish District Evangelization Councils
- #4 Utilize and maximize technology

Formation

Priorities Declared for Formation

Realities: Formation is the integration of doctrine into the interior life of the faithful. To be formed in the faith is an ongoing process of interior conversion and ultimately takes place in the context of the life of Church, the sacraments and a life of personal prayer. The Synod has called for a renewal in Christian formation throughout the archdiocese.

- #1 Strengthen training for catechists and teachers
- #2 Provide formation opportunities for parents and grandparents
- #3 Help parishes re-ignite youth ministry efforts
- #4 Increase opportunities for young adults



Catholic Social Teaching

Priorities Declared for Catholic Social Teaching

Realities: As Christians we are called like the Good Samaritan to care for our neighbor. There is a responsibility to help those in need. The many ways that we can help are described in Catholic social teaching. More Catholics need to become aware.

- #1 Strengthen direct efforts to those in need
- #2 Design multi-generation formation
- #3 Expand service opportunities
- #4 Collaborate with other Catholic agencies

Marriage and Family

Priorities Declared for Marriage and Family

Realities: There have been significant changes in cultural realities facing married couples and families. Fewer people have a true understanding of marriage and family in our society. The Church, through the sacraments, provides married couples and families with the grace and resources to be evangelizers to each other, and the world.

- #1 Help families with 'busyness' of family life
- #2 Evangelize and support married and engaged couples
- #3 Launch multi-generational theology of human person program
- #4 Expand programs for troubled marriages

Stewardship

Priorities Declared for Stewardship

Realities: The call to follow Jesus and become a disciple is a call to community. Parishes need to become more focused on welcoming new members, helping them discern and use their gifts to build the kingdom and sharing their financial resources.

- #1 Recommend every parish carry out a stewardship commission
- #2 Offer training and resources
- #3 Offer multi-generational programs on stewardship theology
- #4 Provide forum to share best practices

Leadership

Priorities Declared for Leadership

Realities: The Synod delegates recognized and supported the continuation of opportunities for leadership development. The ministry of priests was acknowledged as essential to the ongoing life of the Church. The important ministry of service provided by deacons was also recognized. The Synod raised up lay leadership in the local church as being of great significance.

- #1 Review the proposed plan for lay ecclesial ministry
- #2 Study emerging models of parish administration
- #3 Further study of recommended models to be conducted by a joint committee of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests and Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
- #4 Propose a plan for reviewing and enhancing diaconal formation



Arzobispo ListECKi declara una nueva visión y misión para la Arquidiócesis

Con alegría y convicción, el arzobispo ha publicado la Declaración Sinodal la cual sentará las bases de la dirección de la arquidiócesis para los próximos 10-15 años. El documento completo de esta declaración se encuentra disponible en el siguiente enlace: www.archmil.org/Espanol/Sinodo-2014.htm.

“En este momento, nos disponemos, como Simón Pedro y la Iglesia primitiva, a crecer y dar testimonio de nuestra fe en Jesucristo con la misma pasión y propósito de aquella mañana extraordinaria de Pentecostés”.

“La implementación del Sínodo será un verdadero eco del testimonio

valiente y edificante de Pedro sobre Jesucristo y la fe católica ofrecido a un mundo que habla muchas lenguas, que vive en una gran diversidad cultural y que está sediento de amor, paz, propósito y alegría”.

Visión

La visión de la arquidiócesis, especialmente a nivel parroquial, es evangelizar y llevar a todos hacia un discipulado cristiano más profundo, de modo que puedan experimentar la salvación a través de una relación con Jesucristo y Su Iglesia.

Concebimos que nuestras parroquias sean lugares donde...

1. La Eucaristía es celebrada con amor y es considerada como la fuente y la cima.

2. Los católicos celebran regularmente el sacramento de la reconciliación, como fuente de misericordia y perdón.

3. Nuestros niños, jóvenes y adultos reciben **formación sólida** sobre la belleza y la verdad de la fe católica.

4. Los católicos conocen y viven las **dimensiones personales y sociales de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia**.

5. Nuestras comunidades practican la hospitalidad e **invitan a todos** a compartir su tiempo, sus talentos y sus recursos.

6. Se promueven **las vocaciones religiosas** de todos los tipos entre nuestros jóvenes.

7. Vivimos un **ecumenismo saludable y dinámico**, uniéndonos a personas de otras creencias, en oración y servicio

Misión

Proclamar el Evangelio de la muerte salvadora y resurrección de Jesucristo a través del llamamiento, formación y envío de discípulos para ir y hacer nuevos discípulos.

Como pueblo, estamos llamados a encontrarnos con Jesús y crecer como discípulos a través de la vida sacramental de la Iglesia.