



**Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
Minutes
November 5, 2020
Zoom Meeting**

Present: Archbishop William E. Lori, Mr. Richard Babbitt, Ms. Chelsea Baranoski, Ms. Stephanie Clancy, Ms. Cynthia Clarke, Ms. Consuelo Petro, Mr. Larry Simmons, Msgr. Jay O'Connor, Mr. Alexander Wright, Dcn. Christopher Yeung,

Excused: Mr. Jesus Eusebio Perez, Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, Bishop Denis Madden, Ms. Anita Cain, Ms. Elaine McCubbin, Ms. Sara Miller, Ms. Gloria Olivares, Ms. Camilla Rawe,

Guests: Dr. Diane Barr, Ms. Mary Ellen Russell and Msgr. Jay O'Connor

Archbishop Lori called the meeting to order at 10:05 am after leading the group in a prayer.

Topic Addressed:

The Year of the Eucharist

Archbishop Lori had asked the members to come together to provide more input on this topic. The group had received some basic information about the proposal at the October 2020 meeting.

Archbishop Lori and Deacon Yeung provided the group with a complete proposal of the activities related to the Year of the Eucharist at the parish and diocesan levels.

- Efforts will be controlled by the local parish as the parish will be free to tailor their outreach to suit their own needs;
- Process will take place over a year to give parishes a chance to phase in their efforts as people (hopefully) return to Church; and
- Helping people give witness to their experiences with the Eucharist will be very important.

The Members responded:

- The Members supported the plan since many parishioners do not fully understand what they are receiving when they do receive the Eucharist;
- Important to include those who are sick and shut-in at home in this effort by sending ministers with the Eucharist to those who cannot attend in person;
- Need to track efforts through data points to determine if efforts are effective so those actions that are successful can be replicated in other places;
- Important to engage people with personal stories about their experiences with the Eucharist, especially about the way the Eucharist has transformed their lives;
- Stories should be supported with practical ways to help others better understand the Eucharist;
- Will likely take multiple engagements with people for any effort to be successful;
- Parish leaders and volunteers will need to hear things so they can make sure they bring teachings about the Eucharist to their ministry;
- The education aspect of the effort will be very important since people are hungry for silence;
- Would be good to emphasize the Adoration aspect of the Eucharist; and
- Will need to have different phases to keep the attention of parishes and parishioners since a year is a long time.