



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

27th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

**9:00 am – Holy Mass to be celebrated in the
Traditional Rite.**

OPENING HYMN

“To Thee, We Come, O Lord”

**To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father**

Thou knowest best our yearning hearts.

This supplication answer.

**Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.**

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,

To serve Thee with devotion,

Be it with sweat of blood or tears,

Or humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,

Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



ENTRANCE HYMN

(Sirach 25:1; 26:4)

**V. With three things I am delighted, for they are
pleasing to the Lord and to men: Harmony
among brethren, friendship among neighbors,
and the mutual love of husband and wife.**

**R. Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a
smile is ever on his face.**

**C. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit,**

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to His people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God, and Father

We worship You; we give You thanks

We praise you for Your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

**You are seated at the
right hand of the Father,**

Receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the**

Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

**V. Let us pray. Let us pray. Almighty God, sanctify
then the marriage bond in the lives of our people.
Bless our homes with Your abiding presence,
that husbands and wives, parents, and children,
may love one another as You have loved us. We
ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your
Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

R. Amen.



**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS
(Genesis 2:18-24)**

**The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man
to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for
him." So the LORD God formed out of the
ground various wild animals and various birds of**

the air, and He brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So, the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, and He took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that He had taken from the man. When He brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

C. The Word of the Lord.

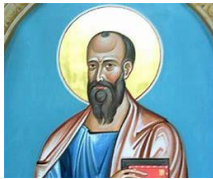
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Sirach 36:24; 26:1)

V. A wife is her husband's richest treasure, a helpmate, a steady column.

R. Happy the husband of a good wife; twice lengthened are his days.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE HEBREWS

(Hebrews 2:9-11)

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels, " that by the grace of God, He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that He, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, He is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Proverbs 19:14)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Home and possessions are an inheritance from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK

(Mark 10:2-16)

V. The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing Him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. 'But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, human being must separate.'" In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH
THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father.
 God from God, Light from Light, True God
 from true God, begotten not made
 of one being with the Father.
 Through Him all things were made
 For us and for our salvation.
 He came down from heaven:
 By the power of the Holy Spirit
 He was born of the Virgin Mary
 AND BECAME MAN.
 For our sake, He was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate
 He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again
 In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and
 is seated at the
 right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 To judge the living and the dead
 And His kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 The Lord and Giver of Life
 Who proceeds from the Father,
 With the Father and the Son
 He is worshipped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in One, Holy, Catholic
 and Apostolic Church
 I acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 I look for the resurrection of the dead
 And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE
 (Proverbs 31:10)

V. When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal Holy Spirit, by prayer and this holy sacrifice strengthen us that we may, by word and witness, uphold the sanctity of married life, and teach our children to be faithful members of Your

Church. For You live and reign together with the Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE
 (Psalm 127:3)

V. Behold, sons are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. Merciful Father, from You every family in heaven and earth is named. Hallow our households as You have hallowed us with this Eucharist. Knit together in constant love spouses joined in Your Name and bless the children that they may grow in wisdom and grace. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



THE CREATION OF MAN & WOMAN

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." - Genesis 2:19

In reading the first chapter of Genesis, we see the evolution of the divine love of God. We read that God created the heavens and the earth, and in an evolutionary progression spread out over six days, He created everything out of love. And found that it

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

was good. His crowning achievement and the last of His creations, was to create man in His own image and likeness.

In Genesis 2:19-20, we read: “So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and He brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.”

We further read in Genesis 2:21-24: “So, the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, He took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that He had taken from the man. When He brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman, ' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.”

Why did God create man and woman? I believe that God would not be complete until He could have a part of His own being and His life-giving spirit shared with His creation. It was in the creation of a man and a woman, who He breathed into and became living souls, that they could share in a bond of love with Him and with each other and could appreciate and be aware of the beauty of His creation and the gift of life among other blessings. Is that not love?

Saint John, the Beloved Apostle, in his first letter, writes about this “Divine” Love:

“This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: He has given us of His Spirit.”

- 1 John 4:13

“And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

- 1 John 4:16

“We love because He first loved us.”

- 1 John 4:19

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked about divorce. Scripture tells us that the Pharisees asked this question to entrap Jesus. There may have been several reasons of posing this question. Did they question Jesus' “orthodoxy” to the law of Moses? Did they want to set Jesus at odds against king Herod, who had divorced his wife and then married his brother's wife? Or did they want to have Jesus contradict Himself to another reference He had spoken in Matthew 19:3-9 concerning marriage and divorce and brought a charge of heresy against Him?

Divorce was already a hot topic that was debated among the various rabbinical groups. The sanctity of marriage was one of the most important aspects of Jewish life, but there was a great divide and inequality on the rights of a man versus a woman. In the days of Jesus, a man could divorce his wife for many reasons, besides adultery. It was written that even if a man found another woman fairer, or that the wife was not a good spouse or cook, all that was needed was for the man to write a writ of divorce, drawn up by a rabbi, that he could divorce his wife send her on her way. A woman was considered lesser than a man and basically had no rights as compared to her male counterpart.

Jesus replied to the Pharisees: “What did Moses command?” Read **Deuteronomy 24:1-5** which concerns marriage and divorce. Jesus was to then quote Genesis 1:27: “So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them” and then in Genesis 2:24: “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

The Sacrament of Matrimony, I believe in the “brick and mortar” of society and the main pillar of its growth is in its family. Next week, we will celebrate the “Solemnity of the Christian Family, “which our Organizer, the late Bishop Francis Hodur established in 1909, as he formed the “Polish National Catholic Church

Sadly, in our society today, divorce is in many ways similar to the views of marriage in the times of

Jesus. Marriages were and are dissolved for so many reasons besides adultery. Jesus reminds us that the sanctity of marriage is a bond of love blessed by God and fulfilled, between husband and wife both respecting each other and working with each other, but never “overshadowing” each other.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours
9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist.

- Mon. 10/7 Solemnity - Holy Mother of the Rosary**
Jerome, Priest & Doctor
Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop
Honorius of Canterbury, Bishop
- Tue. 10/8 Private Prayer and Devotion**
Holy Simeon, Prophet, NT
Bridget of Sweden, Widow
Pelagia, Penitent
- Wed. 10/9 Mass for Health and Healing**
Dionysius the Areopagite, B&M
Demetrius of Alexandria, Bishop
Publia, Widow & Abbess
- Thurs. 10/10 Mass to the Holy Martyrs of God**
Gereon & Companions, Martyrs
Eulampius & Eulampia, Martyrs
Maharsapor of Persia, Martyrs
- Fri. 10/11 Mass to the Holy Angels of God**
Tarachus, Probus & Andronicus, M
Canice, Abbot
Agilbert of Paris, Bishop
- Sat. 10/12 Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus**
Maximilian of Lorch, Bishop & M
Felix and Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr
Wilfrid of York, Bishop

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

SOLEMNITY – THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, please remember all our brothers and sisters, who seek the blessings of God in private, and pray for the blessings of health and healing to rest upon each of them.

Prayer request forms may be found in the vestibule of our Church.

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illness and grant them recovery in Jesus’ holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:4

Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” - Matthew. 25: 35.

The next date for giving out groceries to those in need has not yet been determined yet, since this will interfere with the date of our Fall Bazaar. As soon as the date has been determined, this information will be shared with all.

We wish to thank all who continue to give donations towards this most special ministry either through the giving of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations which helps in purchasing food.



SOCKS FOR VETERANS

We have set up bins in our vestibule as well as in our Parish Hall to help collect socks for veterans. John Czyz and I, prior gave socks and gifts to our local veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Leeds, MA at Christmas time. A suggestion has been made that all socks and other gifts collected be given to veterans in our community this Christmas holiday. May God bless.



The Angel Garden Club of the Holy Name of Jesus

The next workday for projects dedicated to the Holy Angel of our garden. will be Saturday, **October 5th, from 10:00 am till noon** (weather permitting.) An invitation is extended to all to come.

I wish to acknowledge Mr. John Harrington who gave of his time this past Saturday in continuing to clear out the area which was previously our Parish pool. We will continue to discard all cut-down growth continue other projects.

Much work has been done to help “beautifying” our Parish and we thank all who have given of their time and effort to accomplish these projects.



HOLY NAME OF JESUS FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

An invitation is sent to all who receive our weekly bulletin, to share with us our Annual Fall Bazaar.

In the past years, we have sold out all our prepared Polish foods, such as pierogi and galabki, kapusta, homemade soups, and other items, as well as our homemade apple and French meat pies

within the first two hours. So, we ask to come early and not be disappointed.

Posters are available in our Parish vestibule to be shared with local businesses.

PIEROGI SCHEDULE



In preparation for this event, we have set final date of **Saturday, October 12th** for making cheese and potato pierogi. I want to thank the men and women of our Parish, who gathered this past Saturday and made over 97 dozen cheese pierogi.

Baking of Pies and Final Bazaar Prep – October 14-18.

Note: We are currently accepting donations of gift certificates as well as prizes for our Fall Bazaar. If you would like to donate, please see Sue Dibrindisi or Mary Tudryn.



GALABKI SCHEDULE

I want to thank Cathy and Buddy Lafleur for the following schedule for the making of our stuffed cabbage (**galabki**) for our Annual Fall Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2004.

Tuesday, October 15th

9:00 am – Preparing Cabbage.

Wednesday, October 16th

10:00 am – Preparing meat mixture.

Thursday, October 17th

9:00 am – Rolling and cooking galabki.

Friday, October 18th

9:00 am – Packaging of galabki.

Please note: Anyone available to help during this week, please see Kathy or Buddy Lafleur after Mass on Sundays or email them at **kelafleur19@comcast.com**.



PULASKI DAY PARADE

I recently received this email from Fr. Adam Czarnecki, Pastor of Saint Valentine PNCC Parish:

“I invite you and your parishioners to participate in the **Pulaski Day Parade to be held on Monday, October 14, 2024** in Northampton, MA.

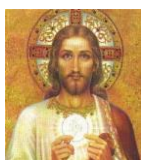
This Parade is organized by the Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton, and it is an annual event for decades. For the second time in its history the Pulaski Day celebrations will start with the Holy Mass celebrated in our St. Valentine’s PNC Church at 10 am. The Parade will kick-off at 11:30 am. Please, join us.”



ROAST PORK DINNER

St. Joseph’s PNCC in Westfield, MA is hosting a Community Stuffed Roast Pork Dinner on Sunday, October 20th at 12 noon. This community dinner will feature delicious and juicy Stuffed Roast Pork, Au Gratin Potatoes, Fresh Corn Off-the-Cob, and Apple Sauce. Homemade Apple Crisp with Ice Cream will be served for dessert. Beverages included are Coffee, Fresh Apple Cider and Bottled Water.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For tickets, contact Cliff at (413) 977-2007. Deadline for purchasing tickets is October 17th. A limited number of Meals-To-Go will be available at 12:30pm (when buying your tickets, please indicate if you are eating with us at the Social Center or planning take-out).



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY **Daily Devotions**

Copies of the “**One Bread, One Body,**” a daily devotional booklet is available, free of charge, in the vestibule of our Church. These daily devotions are in tune with the readings as found in the Common Lectionary of the Christian Church.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

During the month of October 2024, at noon, let us pray that God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and help those who suffer because of poverty, falsehood, hunger and disease.

Let us Pray: Almighty and Eternal God and Merciful Father, give strength to the weary and new courage to all who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call upon You in any trouble that they may have the joy of receiving Your grace in their need. May we become instruments of Your love and mercy in this world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and led us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP 2024

KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

The Eastern Diocese will focus on

Being Christian Today: Christian identity, Sources of Strength and Challenges.

Please join us for the **tenth in a series** of virtual “**Know and Grow**” presentation on **Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 PM (EDT).**

Rev. Thomas Walsh will help us to explore: **Why does God let us suffer? Presence of evil, social injustice wars.**

Since the time of Job, people have been asking why bad things happen to good people. When God created the world, it was perfect; but man's free will led to sin, suffering and death. All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, so that there are consequences for everyone. What is the appropriate response for a Christian to these circumstances?

To join via Zoom, please contact:
revpauls @yahoo. com or
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OCTOBER 7

HOLY MOTHER OF THE ROSARY

Throughout our world, there are numerous celebrations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, From the streets of Italy to the neighborhoods of the Philippines, Mexico, as well as in the streets of Boston, MA, and other locations, the veneration of Mary has brought peoples and communities together in prayer and devotion.

From the appearances of the Blessed Mother in Lourdes, France and Fatima in Portugal; from her appearances in Zeitun, Egypt, and Medjugorje, Bosnia, as well as the miracle experienced of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" in Mexico; all these divine appearances, and manifestations of Mary, the "Theotokos" or "Mother of God," has caused people to be strengthen in their faith/

In the various liturgies, celebrated from the early Christian Church to the present day, "solemnities and feast days," have been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has served as a role model especially to women and mothers.

During the month of May, many churches will celebrate a special day, usually on Wednesdays, in honor to Mary, by reciting the "Liturgy to the Blessed Mother" and will sing songs dedicated to her, as workers did, as early as the 12th Century in France. For others, they will say the "Rosary."



But what is the "Rosary?" Simply put, the "Rosary" is a Catholic devotion, consisting of meditating on the various five "sacred mysteries" of the life in Jesus. Saying the "Rosary" begins with a "rosary," a series of stringed beads. Beginning with blessing of oneself, in the name of the Holy Trinity, the recitation of the "Apostles Creed," the "Our Father," followed by three "Hail Mary's and ending with the "Our Father." This devotion continues as one reflects upon one of the five "sacred mysteries" or "Decades" which is meditated upon and continues with the saying of ten (10) "Hail Mary's," and a "Glory be." The devotion continues until it ends as with the beginning of the devotion.

So, what is the purpose of saying the "Rosary?" I would say that saying the "Rosary" is a spiritual discipline which centers and focuses the individual through prayer, which is one of the Christian pillars of faith as outlined in Matthew 6: 5-8.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries – Mondays & Saturdays

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries – Thursdays

1. The Baptism of Jesus
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration of Jesus
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries – Tuesdays & Fridays

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries
Wednesday & Sundays

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Dormition / Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Mary



THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name + of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and
in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose
again, from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God

The Father Almighty:
from there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the
hour of our death. Amen

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now
And ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.



SOLEMNITIES OF MARY

A “solemnity” is defined as a “formal or solemn ceremony and observance of an occasion or event.” Among the Solemnities found in the Liturgical Calendar of the PNCC, we currently observe the following solemnities to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

April 8	The Annunciation of the BVM
July 2	The Visitation of the BVM
July 16	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
August 15	The Dormition / Assumption of the BVM
August 26	Our Lady of Czestochowa
September 9	The Nativity of the BVM

September 16 Holy Mother of Sorrows
 October 7 Holy Mother of the Rosary
 November 21 The Presentation of the BVM
 December 2 The Conception of the BVM
 December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe



**Resolutions of the XVII Eastern Diocese
 Synod October 5, 2024**

The XVII Synod of the Eastern Diocese convened virtually on October 5, 2024. Hosted by the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the see of the Eastern Diocese on the PNCC, this Diocesan Synod was summoned under the authority of Rt. Rev Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Ordinary of the Eastern Diocese, and attended virtually by the Most Rev Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the PNCC.

The Synod began with a morning prayer to the Holy Spirit, which set the tone and inspirations for the proceedings of this day. Through the various reports and deliberations, we all learned of the current status of our Diocese.

Whereas, we are thankful to Bishop Sobiechowski, our senior priests - Very Rev Joseph Krusienski, Very Rev Joseph Soltysiak and Very Rev Robert Nemkovich Jr. for the planning and execution of a very successful virtual Synod.

Whereas we acknowledge the active participation of the delegates, guests, and clergy in fulfilling their discipleship role entrusted to them as members of our Holy Church and through their attendance and commitment in spreading God’s word throughout our communities, our diocese and our Church.

Whereas we as delegates, have reflected upon the legacy of our faith as set forth upon us by our organizer, Bishop Francis Hodur, the clergy, and organizers of the Church.

Whereas we continue to support the endeavors of the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission with the overall theme of Discipleship

towards increasing the growth in our faith in Christ with monthly presentations and with renewed Spirituality among all members; in expanding community outreach programs; and enabling our responses to God’s call to Sacred Vocations and service.

Whereas we acknowledge the work of the Eastern Diocesan Strategic Planning Committee which has recently merged with the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission, and has worked for many years to increase the awareness of our church by enabling parishes to use more social media technologies, especially Facebook, in promoting Holy Mass and special services, as well as holding various events and fund-raising activities, and to encourage the expansion of community engagement efforts among our parishes in exemplifying our Christian discipleship to help those in need, those in transition, and those organizations striving to assist others. We also have strongly supported, as a Diocese, aid to the clergy of our Church.

Whereas in 2025, the Christian Church will celebrate the 1700th Anniversary of the formulation of the Nicene Creed through various educational presentations on how this declaration of faith was established.

Whereas in 2026, the Polish National Catholic Church will convene in Manchester, N.H. for the XXVII General Synod, as well as hosting the 2026 Youth Convo at the Berea Campus in Hebron, New Hampshire.

We, therefore, seek the grace and strength from our Lord, Jesus Christ to embrace the work He has entrusted to our care; to be inspired to execute the proceedings of this Synod as we return to our parishes and to stay strong in our commitment and firm in our Catholic faith as members of the PNCC in spite of the everchanging and challenging chaos around us. With truth, work, and struggle, we shall and will continue to succeed!

Respectfully submitted on October 5 ,2024 by the Rev. Robert M. Koerber as per directed by the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Ordinary at this XVII Eastern Diocesan Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church.