

## **Future Direction work evaluated and continued at 25th PNCC General Synod**

The 25th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church meeting October 1-3, 2018 spent significant time evaluating the work of the Future Direction program over the past four years and moved forward to continue to implement the five themes developed by the 24th PNCC Synod in 2014: Growth and Membership, Increased Spirituality, Lifelong Learning, Sacred Vocations and Community Presence and Involvement.



Here is the resolution from the General Synod along with pictures of the eleven break out groups that continued this important work for our Holy Church. The results from Holy Synod of moving the Future Direction program forward will begin to be implemented over the next months and years leading up to the Holy Synod of 2022.

### **The Resolutions of the 25th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church**

Whereas, we the delegates to the 25th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church - representatives of the holy People of God - have convened under the leadership of our Prime Bishop and Bishops at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, IL, from October 1 through October 3, 2018.

Whereas, we were strengthened, nourished and enlightened by our Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in our midst through Word and Sacrament at the Holy Mass concelebrated by our Prime Bishop, Bishops and Clergy, and understand it as the most important aspect of the great work of these days;

Whereas, we offer our gratitude to the Western Diocese of the Church, under the leadership of Bishop Bilinski, and those who assumed the responsibilities of planning and carrying out this Holy Synod;

Whereas, we acknowledge the courageous presence and active participation of the gathered delegates, as we proclaim that the Mission of the Church has been entrusted to her members of all ages, each called to pursue lives of holiness as Disciples of Jesus Christ and to invite others to do likewise;

Whereas, we recognize the foundation that was laid at the 24th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church regarding our Future Direction and celebrate the many diligent efforts to build upon this within our Dioceses and Parishes over the last four years, in pursuing true Regeneration of spirit, mind and heart; by seeking to engender deeper Reverence for God and our neighbors; by willingly Recommitting ourselves to undertaking the work of the Church within our Parishes, and faithfully striving to welcome all of these virtues into the daily lives of our Families;

Whereas, we have again considered with renewed enthusiasm and rekindled creativity the Future Direction of our beloved Church by continuing to reflect upon the meaning of Growth with regard to its Membership, the continual need for Increased Spirituality and the value of Lifelong Learning for its members of all ages, the ongoing pursuit of

personal holiness as the means of enabling joyful responses to God's call to Sacred Vocations, and the need to further enhance our Community Involvement and Presence;

We, therefore, resolve to fervently ask that God the Father, through the prayers of Our Lady of the Snows, may bring forth abundant fruit from the proceedings of this 25<sup>th</sup> General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church, to seek grace and strength from our Lord Jesus Christ to embrace the work he has entrusted to our care, and to knock so that the Holy Spirit will open and inflame our hearts so that we may return to our parishes inspired to execute the work of this Synod, firm in our Catholic faith, anchored by hope and motivated by charity, unwaveringly committed as members of the Polish National Catholic Church, charged to boldly proclaim the Gospel at all times, in all places and to all people through our words, our actions and our lives of holiness, and more certain than ever that "With truth, work and struggle, we shall succeed!"

Respectfully submitted this day, October 3, 2018, by the Resolution Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> General Synod of Polish National Catholic Church.

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A special thank you to Dr. Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd for facilitating this effort during Holy Synod and to all those who served as facilitators and recorders for this undertaking.

May God bless continue to bless and guide this work for the building of His Holy Church.

The following now serve on the PNCC Future Direction Committee: Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski, Rt. Rev. John Mack, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich Jr., *Chairman*, Rev. Dr. Scott Lill, Rebecca Kotula, Dr. Shirely Mietlicki-Floyd, Michael Mietlicki and Kathryn Nemkovich.

















