



January 25, 2022

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate a pivotal moment in the life of Church – one in which St. Paul was called by Jesus to participate in the saving story of salvation in a new way. Through St. Paul’s acceptance of this call, he became one of the biggest and earliest evangelizers in our Church’s history.

In St. Louis, we too are called to a new chapter in our nearly 200-year history. The model that fulfilled its mission in growing and evangelizing the Church during the last century has become archaic. Jesus is calling on us to re-energize and reshape our efforts to share His saving message.

I am excited to share with you today the official launch of our archdiocesan strategic pastoral planning initiative known as “All Things New.” Under the leadership of Father Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning, we will assess every aspect of our Archdiocese and make the necessary adjustments to our ministries and supporting structures to reflect the needs of our communities for the next century. We anticipate that these adjustments will be the most sweeping changes that the Archdiocese has witnessed in its history.

“All Things New” seeks to enable a vibrant Catholic presence across every square mile of our Archdiocese by renewing the church in its mission of proclaiming the Gospel, and securing a vibrant future. Throughout this process, we will be mindful of our three-fold goals: engaging in unceasing prayer, defining and implementing a unifying vision, and ensuring intentional stewardship of the gifts that God has given to us over these past 200 years.

With St. Paul, let us begin this journey together with prayer. Opportunities for prayer and eucharistic adoration will be held throughout the Archdiocese, asking for God to enter our hearts and minds and guide our actions as we consider the best path forward.

Throughout this process, you will have several opportunities to provide feedback on your aspirations for the Archdiocese. The first of these opportunities will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, where every Catholic in the Archdiocese will be asked to take a survey. This survey, known as the Disciple Maker Index, will ask you about your beliefs, participation, satisfaction, and attitudes about your faith and your local parish experience. I encourage you to complete this survey so your voice can be heard at this important moment.

I thank you in advance for investing and serving God’s one Holy Church here in St. Louis. Please know that you are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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