

ONGOING FORMATION/SUPPORT OF CLERGY



What We Have Accomplished:

- We established a local preparatory committee last spring to plan for a Convocation of Priests to gather, build community, and create unity among Archdiocesan priests. The Convocation took place in June 2019.
- We sent a survey to all Archdiocesan priests in September 2018 seeking a confidential and anonymous assessment of the state of the Archdiocese and its bishops and priests.
- The design of the survey, its analysis, and other preparatory steps leading up to the Convocation was entrusted to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), a national non-profit research center affiliated with Georgetown University that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church.
- The Convocation's theme, Cultivating Unity, was inspired by the USCCB's Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests.

Our Road Ahead:

- A committee of Archdiocesan priests was established to develop and implement the priorities that were identified during the Convocation.
- The Archdiocese will continue to study other means to support the life and ministry of our priests and deacons.

Reflection Questions:

1. What steps must still be taken to strengthen and affirm our commitment to this important pillar of our pastoral vision?
2. What actions can you take — as a member of the Church — to support this commitment?

