# Archdiocese of Denver Business Manager Meeting

### October 13, 2021



### **Opening Prayer**



Eternal Father, you gave us Saint Joan of Arc through your infinite love and mercy for us. We humbly ask that you send down your Holy Spirit upon us, and fill us with love and courage as you did for St. Joan.

Oh Jesus, grant me the wisdom to do your will, that I may be in one accord with our Father in Heaven.

Amen.



## Today's Agenda - Morning

## Office of the Archbishop

• Keith Parsons, Chief Operating Officer

### People Support

- Beth Link, Executive Director of People Support
- Edwin Rey, Pension Plan Analyst



### Today's Agenda - Lunch

### Nano-Retreat

• Tim Glemkowski, Director of Strategy

### Table Discussion / Reflection Time

• Facilitated by Brenda Cannella, Chief Financial Officer



### Today's Agenda - Afternoon

# Information Technology

• Jason Whitehouse, Director of Information Systems

### **Risk Management**

• Brenda Cannella, Chief Financial Officer

## Parish Finance

• Michele Buice, Director of Parish Finance



### Today's Agenda - Afternoon

### **Mission Advancement**

• Paul Dudzic, Chief Development Officer

### **Mission Support Concierge**

• *Kevin Greaney, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications* 



### **Keith Parsons**

### Cultivating an Apostolic Mindset



## The Why?

So that in Jesus Christ all might be rescued and have abundant life, for the glory of the Father.

### The current focus of the Archdiocese:

Putting on an Apostolic Mindset

- Priests
- Deacons
- Pastoral Center
- Lay Leaders



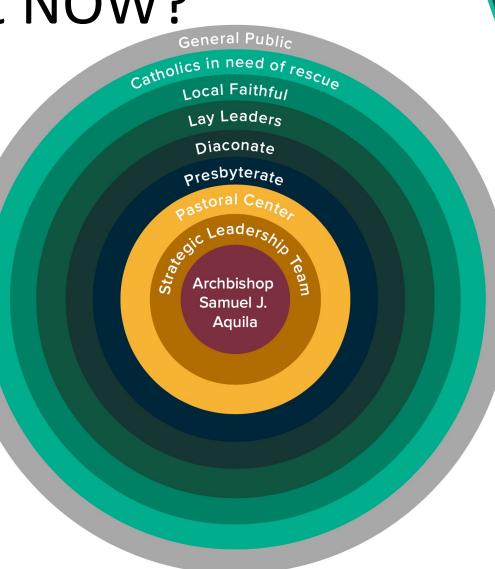
### Why is this so important NOW?

### Where are we?

- Cultural unrest
- Political division
- Confusion and division in the Church
- Dealing with a pandemic
- A transition of eras

Where are we going?

- We are mobilizing for apostolic mission
- We are leaving the familiar behind
- We are led by deep prayer and discernment
- The path is never fully revealed





### What is an Apostolic Mindset?

An apostolic mindset means that as individual disciples and as a Church, we:

- Have a **unique calling** from the Father,
- We are willing to open ourselves to a costly imitation of Christ,
- Have an utter reliance on the Holy Spirit,
- Need to be convicted of the primacy and power of the Gospel, and
- Are a joyfully countercultural witness.

We have no expectation that Christian values or authority exist anymore in the broader culture.

And we assume nothing with respect to their adoption or relevance.



### HOWEVER...

### What is an Apostolic Mindset?

We reject the temptations to either "hunker down" and wait out the bad times or capitulate to the world's demands.

Instead, we have a bold and radical willingness to risk for the sake of the Gospel, in hope, and are unafraid of persecution.

"In the world you will have trouble but take courage, I have conquered the world." - John 16:33



### What Does This Mean For Me?

Institutional credibility is at all time low; not just the Catholic Church.

Parishes and Schools is where 1:1 relationships are built and supported among the faithful.

The faithful are the ones who GO OUT to those in need of the Good News.



### What Does This Mean For Me?

You are not in this alone – look around the room!

The Pastoral Center continues developing and improving our systems to serve our priests and those working at our parishes.

The overarching goal of the Pastoral Center is to continue to make parish and school "maintenance" easier, in order to make "mission" fruitful.

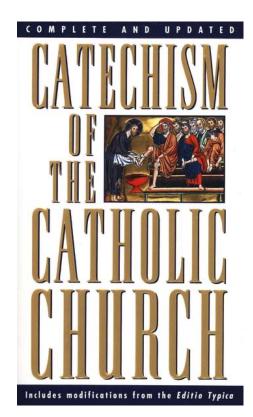
Much more on how the Pastoral Center is doing this as we work through today's topics.

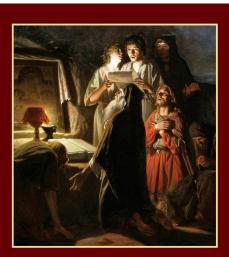


### **Apostolic Mindset Resources**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 849-870

- Mission a requirement of the Church's catholicity
  - The missionary mandate, the origin and purpose of mission, missionary motivation, missionary paths, and so on...





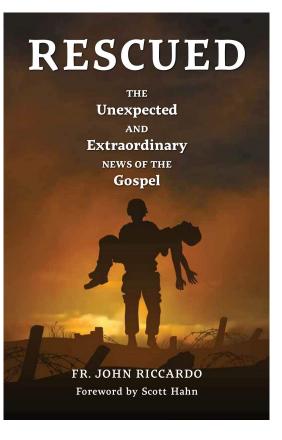
#### From Christendom to Apostolic Mission

Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age

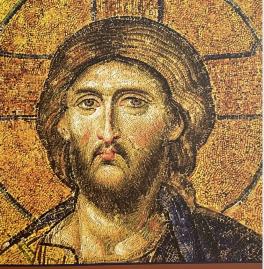
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### **Apostolic Mindset Resources**



### The Christian Cosmic Narrative The Deep History of the World



Foreword by Fr. John Riccardo

### Also as a podcast: Search for Prime Matters





### **Apostolic Mindset Resources**



On the New Evangelization – Building the Civilization of Love Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, December 12, 2000

Two Podcasts You Were Born for This Restore the Glory







### ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER DIOCESAN SYNOD PROCESS

Timeline (October 2021 - May 2022)

## Parish Phase (Nov - Dec 2021) November 3-4: Parish Phase Preparation Days

By Nov 22nd - Parishes choose Synod Members Christ the King - Christmas : Preaching Series and Parish Listening Gatherings

#### Diocesan-wide Phase (Mar-Apr 2022)

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March 25-27: Commissioning Event April: Synthesis, Document Submission, Communication of outcomes

#### **Opening Synod Liturgy**

October 17th @ 8:30 AM Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

### Synod Member Preparation (Jan - Feb 2022)

Jan 21-22 - Two-Day Synod Member Preparation and Formation Event Jan - Feb - Synod Team engagement

#### Follow-Up (May 2022 - Ongoing)

May: Priest Convocation May: Launch Institute for Apostolic Leadership

### Questions?

