



## **St. Mary Star of the Sea – St. Turibius Renew My Church Update: May 2022**

### **Discernment Process**

During the past few months, St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Turibius Parishes engaged in the Renew My Church (RMC) review and discernment process. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment team (GFDT), which was made up of members from each community, met to review and discern how to respond to the call to renewal for the grouping's parishes, including any potential changes to parish structures.

Based on their meetings and feedback gathered from the larger parish community, they submitted feedback to the archdiocese. The Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which includes representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, reviewed the feedback and other information, including financial summaries and parish trends.

Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Wypych are grateful to the parish leaders who gathered as a Grouping Team, as well as all the parishioners who offered feedback through the discernment process.

### **Outcome**

In the past few weeks, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, and the archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the Commission's recommendation. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, Cardinal Cupich made the following decisions regarding the St. Mary Star of the Sea – St. Turibius grouping.

- **The two parishes will remain separate parishes with a commitment to shared ministry efforts across both parishes.**
  - St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish will continue to be staffed by a diocesan pastor, Fr. Roger Corrales-Diaz.
  - St. Turibius will continue to be staffed by an Augustinian pastor, Fr. Bill Lego, OSA.
    - This structure will be reviewed every four years in alignment with the timeline of the Augustinian Fathers discerning their ministries.
    - The Augustinians are committed to St. Turibius through June 30, 2026.
  - As long as St. Turibius is able to secure a priest for its Polish Mass, the Polish Mass will continue.
    - Diocesan support for growing Polish ministry in this area of the city will be focused at St. Faustina Kowalska and SS. Bruno and Richard.
- **St. Mary Star of the Sea School will not experience structural change as a result of the grouping discernment process.**

### **Next Steps**

- The renewal process calls us to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, building communities with one another and inspiring witness in the world around us.
- We know that this is just the beginning of our journey of renewal. All the parishes will embark upon the next phase of renewal, focusing on strong evangelization to the world around us. Renewal of our Church means that every Catholic, every searcher, and everyone who loves Jesus and his Church, will have to look anew at what it means to be Jesus' disciple and to live out that discipleship.
- Profound gratitude to all involved in the process to date, and prayers for all those who will take up the next phase of renewal, sharing faith and evangelizing those searching to know Jesus more deeply.