



Text of Archbishop Schnurr's Recorded Message

Beacons of Light Public Announcement

Dec. 4-5 Masses

May the peace of the Lord be with you. This is Archbishop Schnurr and I am thankful for the opportunity to address you on this, the Second Sunday of Advent.

Today I am pleased to announce the final Families of Parishes configuration as part of Beacons of Light. Thank you to the thousands of Catholics in the archdiocese who have been engaged in this initiative over the last several months. Your thoughtful feedback has significantly shaped this phase of our pastoral planning and for that I am deeply grateful. The mission of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the enduring mission of the Church - to proclaim the Good News of salvation and make disciples. I am convinced that Beacons of Light, born in great hope, will enable us to form stronger parishes, centered on the Eucharist, that radiate the love of Christ and the joy of the Gospel.

We know that God is continually working through His people and that the work of the Church is never complete. Sometimes that work is difficult; nonetheless, we must move forward confident in God's providence. The work of Beacons of Light will have a powerful and positive impact on the future of this archdiocese.

The Families of Parishes configuration is available beginning this Sunday on the website BeaconsAoC.org. Over the forthcoming months, more information about the implementation of Families of Parishes in July 2022 will be available online and from your pastor. Please know of my

prayers for each of you as we continue the work of the Church in this archdiocese. In addition, please pray for me and all the priests and lay people who will have leadership roles in Beacons of Light.

In Romans Chapter 5, Saint Paul tells us, “hope does not disappoint.” Today, let us ask the Lord to plant in each of us, hope for the work to be done in our archdiocese. Let us pray for our family of believers, that each of us may faithfully live out our love for God and joyfully proclaim the gospel, even in times of change. The Church exists in the stream of time and to want to stay where we are means to be left behind.

May God bless and keep all of us as we journey together toward the celebration of the birth of our Lord knowing with certainty in our hearts that Christ remains with us always.