

Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council Polish National Catholic Church



July 1, 2018

Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons
and Faithful of our Holy Church,

As we continue this Year of the Family across our Holy Polish National Catholic Church and now enjoy the summer months we focus this month on the importance of quality family time.

Whether on vacation or just regular time set aside for the family is so very important. This time strengthens our family bonds. It gives time to talk, listen and pray with each other; time to teach your children important life lessons, to show affection, appreciation, love and support; to instill and strengthen Christian values in your children and family members; to cherish family rituals and traditions such as going to worship and prayer on special days such as Christmas and Easter, special family gatherings and celebrations.

Make the time for your family this summer and always. If you are taking a family vacation enjoy each other's company and continue to strengthen your family bond. Don't forget the importance of time in prayer and worship even while away from your home parish.

There are many ways that you can spend family time together – for example share a meal together without the distraction of tv and cell phones, learn what is happening in each other's lives by just talking and sharing. Make time to play cards, games or sports, go for a walk together, have a family service project to help others in need, watch movies or share hobbies. Pray together, love together, serve others together, be Jesus to each other by having unconditional love for one another. Strong Christian families are able to withstand setbacks and

crisis with a positive loving attitude, shared values of the Gospel and our faith in Christ Jesus that will help cope with challenging times.

You know just how important it is to have quality time with your family – how do you spend yours?



Prayer for Families (PNCC Prayer Book – 2010)

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for

others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Synod of our Holy Church is quickly approaching. As we are just a few months away – let us pray for this Holy Gathering.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Grant us Your grace and blessing, as we prepare to gather together in Holy Synod to seek the Lord Jesus through Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our Holy Church, that we may be guided by Your Holy Will. Strengthen our bishops, clergy and laity who will gather so that their decisions at Holy Synod may help lead others to Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Pictured below is the first PNCC Synod in 1904 in Scranton, PA.



Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church.

We are encouraging all our parishes to please keep in your prayers our upcoming Holy Synod now just five months away. In preparation for our Holy Synod we are asking for you to share with our committee pictures and testimonials from successes that you have experienced as you implemented the future direction over these past four years. Please email them to FutureDirection@pncc.org

We hope you enjoy quality time with your family and have a blessed summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, *Prime Bishop*

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., *Chairman*

We continue to implement the five themes the Synod determined for our future direction:

- Growth and Membership
- Increase Spirituality
- Lifelong Learning
- Sacred Vocations
- Community Involvement and Presence

Action Plan for PNCC Parishes in 2018: The Year of the Family

1. Greater Understanding of Church Solemnities: Humble Shepherds
2. Two Days of Retreat: Lent and Advent
3. Complete at least five community service projects
4. Implementing the Year of the Family Component
5. Implement Lay Ministry Program in PNCC
6. Move forward with PNCC Office of News & Media Relations
7. Create a PNCC Future Direction Facebook Page
8. Constant Prayer for our October 2018 General Synod