

Toward a Pastoral Change of Heart

Widespread Consultation with the People of God 2025

Purpose: To invite as many Catholics into the conversation about the future of the Church of Philadelphia as possible. Specifically, the consultation seeks to:

1. Build understanding of our current landscape and the vision behind the Fourth Way
2. Begin to identify communities and lay leaders interested in supporting this vision
3. Surface questions, concerns, and ideas to continuously develop the vision
4. Contribute toward the development of a comprehensive view of parish life today

Overall Framework:

Using the Archbishop's pastoral letter released on the Feast of St. John Neumann (January 5) as a foundational text, there will be three primary methods for consultation between January and June 2025:

Parish-hosted Sessions (February - June):

- **Purpose:** To engage parish leaders and parishioners in reading and discussing the Archbishop's pastoral letter and the vision
- **Format:** Two-hour session including prayer, a video presentation, small-group conversation. Each parish is asked to host at least two (2) discussions. Parishes are welcome to host additional sessions.
- **Resources:** Agenda, materials inclusive of talking points, handouts, and feedback collection tools will be provided by Catholic Leadership Institute in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. CLI facilitators are available upon request.

Archdiocesan-hosted Sessions (February - June):

- **Purpose:** To provide larger, cross-parish opportunities for people to understand the vision and share questions, concerns, and ideas.
- **Format:** Two-hour session including prayer, a video presentation, small-group conversation, large-group question and answer.
- **Timeframe:** Weekday evenings (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays) at 6:30pm-8:30pm, Saturday mornings (9am-11am or 10am-12pm), Sunday afternoons (1pm-3pm or 4pm-6pm).
- **Accessibility:** Sessions will be offered in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and ASL.
- **Locations:** High schools, parishes, other venues.
- **Registration:** Parishes can register as a group/delegation, or individuals may register on their own. Registration resources will be forwarded to each Parish Point of Contact (PPOC).

Disciple Maker Index Survey (Ash Wednesday - Palm Sunday):

- **Purpose:** To see growth and change since 2022 through a 10-12 minute survey of Catholics across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
- **Format:** Available electronically and via paper surveys in 18 different languages.
- **Distribution:** Information will be provided to pastors and parish point of contact in January.



For Questions

or to express willingness to host an archdiocesan session at your parish, please contact

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