

## ***Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead*** **Highlights of the Pastoral Vision**

“I envision a future where lay people are fully engaged in the life of our Archdiocese at all levels and where parishioners of every age play direct and decisive roles in our worship, our faith formation, and our service to those in need. I also see priests united with one another and with the people they serve. I see deacons, consecrated men and women, and lay people who feel prepared and empowered, build up the Body of Christ that is the Church of Newark.” -- Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

### **What is *Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead*?**

- A broad pastoral vision that maps out the future of the Archdiocese in six pillars.
- The objective is to establish a positive path forward for the faithful, the clergy, and the Archdiocese while simultaneously addressing crucial challenges of the past and present.
- It includes more incisive leadership roles for the laity in the Archdiocese.
- This pastoral vision also seeks to strengthen unity among the clergy and their parishioners.
- It also emphasizes lifelong faith formation and education, and the ongoing formation of clergy.

### **The six pillars of this vision are:**

- Protection of the Faithful
- Accountability, Transparency, and Communication
- Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning
- Lifelong Faith Formation and Education
- Ongoing Formation/Support of Clergy
- Active Engagement of the Laity

### **Key accomplishments to date:**

- Acknowledged past abuse of minors and seminarians by clergy.
- Continued Child and Youth Protection training sessions.
- Published independent audited financial statements to our website.
- Enhanced communications and social media outreach.
- Held the Convocation of Priests in June of 2019.
- Ongoing training programs to engage the laity in the mission of the Church.

Further details about *Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead* soon will be available on our website at **Forward.RCAN.org**. Thank you for your continued prayers and engagement with our Church.