We established a local preparatory committee last spring to plan for a Convocation of Priests to gather, build community, and create unity among Archdiocesan priests. The Convocation took place in June 2019.

We sent a survey to all Archdiocesan priests in September 2018 seeking a confidential and anonymous assessment of the state of the Archdiocese and its bishops and priests.

The design of the survey, its analysis, and other preparatory steps leading up to the Convocation was entrusted to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), a national non-profit research center affiliated with Georgetown University that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church.

The Convocation’s theme, Cultivating Unity, was inspired by the USCCB’s Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests.

Our Road Ahead:

- A committee of Archdiocesan priests was established to develop and implement the priorities that were identified during the Convocation.
- The Archdiocese will continue to study other means to support the life and ministry of our priests and deacons.

Reflection Questions:

1. What steps must still be taken to strengthen and affirm our commitment to this important pillar of our pastoral vision?
2. What actions can you take — as a member of the Church — to support this commitment?