



# THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

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July 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Last year we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma. This occasion gave us the opportunity to celebrate the past and begin our plans for the future. The mission of the Eparchy is to proclaim the Word of God – Jesus Christ – in our Byzantine Christian tradition, and to serve our faithful people on their journey with the Lord. As our Church begins its journey for the next 50 years, our future is marked by one thing above all: hope. Our foundation remains the same as the past: Jesus Christ. With Jesus Christ and hope, we believe our Church has a wonderful future. We will strengthen our parishes and missions to better serve the faithful throughout the Eparchy.

On Saturday, April 24, 2021, we will host the “Evening of Hope” at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South Independence. Father Mitchell Pacwa, SJ will be the Keynote speaker. Father Pacwa is a host on EWTN Live, a scripture scholar and a bi-ritual priest also celebrating with the Maronite Church. Father Pacwa will serve as the homilist at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 25, 2021. We are in need of your support to help our Eparchy accomplish its goals. Please consider becoming a sponsor for our event. All sponsorships will include parking, dinner, cocktails, live auction, fund-a-need and more.

Your gift will directly impact the four established eparchial funds for 1) development of parishes; 2) promotion of vocations and seminary education; 3) the eparchial pension fund for priests; and 4) works of the apostolate.

1. For the good of the faithful, we will examine all of the regions of the Eparchy, which includes 12 states in the Midwest from Ohio to Nebraska with 28 parishes and three missions, and determine the way forward for the establishment of new parishes, as well as assessing the vitality of parishes as we stabilize ourselves as a community first.
2. With the need of 16 new priests within the next seven years, funds will be invested in high-quality priestly preparation and formation of young men from the United States and Europe. Financial support for priests and their families will be reassessed so that they have adequate sustenance for themselves and their families.
3. We will care financially for our retired priests, who have served for many decades in our Eparchy.
4. We will develop and grow programming in youth ministry, retreats, and catechism, increase our service to the poor and improve our eparchial communications.

A detailed sponsorship proposal is included for your review. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please don't hesitate to contact us. You will be contacted with a follow-up phone call within or week or two to see if you have any questions about the proposal or the Eparchy. Please contact Judith Matsko at 216.741.8773 x1225 or [jmatsko@parma.org](mailto:jmatsko@parma.org) with any questions you may have. Learn more about the Eparchy of Parma at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org).

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the sponsorship proposal and your generosity.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma