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**AGENDA**  
**UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**  
**PLENARY ASSEMBLY – PUBLIC SESSION**  
**November 14-15, 2023**  
**Baltimore, MD**

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<b><u>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14</u></b>		
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	
	<b>INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS</b>	
	<b>RECOGNITION OF EMERITI</b>	
	<b>PRAYER FOR DECEASED BISHOPS</b>	
	<b>MESSAGE TO THE HOLY FATHER</b>	
	<b>WELCOME OF APOSTOLIC NUNCIO</b>	
	<b>INTRODUCTION/WELCOME OF GUESTS, OBSERVERS and MEDIA</b>	
	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUIRED</u> Formal Vote (Voice)</b>
	<b>INTRODUCTION OF TELLERS</b>	
	<b>INTRODUCTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>	
	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF JUNE 14-16, 2023</b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUIRED</u> Formal Vote (Voice)</b>
	<b>REMARKS BY THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO</b> Cardinal Christophe Pierre	
	<b>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS</b> Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio	

	<b>REMINDER ON USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING</b> Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio Father Michael J.K. Fuller	
	<b>ELECTION OF USCCB SECRETARY-ELECT and CHAIRMEN-ELECT FOR THE COMMITTEES</b> Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	
	<b>CONFIRMATION OF EPISCOPAL DIRECTORS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)</b> Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez	
	<b>CONFIRMATION OF EPISCOPAL DIRECTORS FOR CATHOLIC LEGAL IMMIGRATION NETWORK, INC. (CLINIC)</b> Bishop Jaime Soto	
	<b>COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP</b> Bishop Steven J. Lopes	<b>Presentation</b>
	<u><b>PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION OF ACTION ITEMS</b></u>	
	<b>COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP</b> Bishop Steven J. Lopes	<b>ACTION ITEM #08</b> <b>Do the Latin Church members approve the U.S. Adaptations for the <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>?</b>  <b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>confirmatio</i> and <i>recognitio</i> by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.</b>  <b>ACTION ITEM #10</b> <b>Do the Latin Church members approve the ICEL Gray Book of <i>The Order of Blessing of an Abbot or Abbess</i>?</b>  <b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>confirmatio</i> and <i>recognitio</i> by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.</b>

		<p><b>ACTION ITEM #11</b>  <b>Do the Latin Church members approve the ICEL Gray Book of <i>The Order of Consecration of Virgins</i>?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>confirmatio</i> and <i>recognitio</i> by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM #12</b>  <b>Do the Latin Church members approve the ICEL Gray Book of <i>The Order of Religious Profession</i>?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>confirmatio</i> by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.</b></p>
	<p><b>TASK FORCE ON FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP</b>  Archbishop William E. Lori</p>	<p><b>ACTION ITEM #05</b>  <b>Does the body of bishops approve a new introductory note, five bulletin inserts, and a template video script to supplement <i>Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship</i>?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.</b></p>
	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH</b>  Bishop Arturo Cepeda</p> <p><b>SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS</b>  Bishop Chad Zielinski</p>	<p><b>ACTION ITEM #07</b>  <b>Does the Plenary Assembly approve <i>Keeping Christ's Sacred Promise: A Pastoral Framework for Indigenous Ministry</i> as a formal statement from the Body of Bishops?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.</b></p>

	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON CANONICAL AFFAIRS AND CHURCH GOVERNANCE</b> Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki</p>	<p><b>ACTION ITEM #14</b> <b>Do the Latin Church members of the USCCB approve the revised “National Statutes for Christian Initiation” for use in the dioceses of the United States of America?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>recognitio</i> of the Apostolic See.</b></p>
	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP</b> Bishop Steven J. Lopes</p>	<p><b>Discussion: Technology in the Liturgy</b></p>
	<p><b>2021-2024 SYNOD OF BISHOPS</b> Bishop Daniel E. Flores Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Father Iván Montelongo</p>	<p><b>Update</b></p>
	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES AND PLANS</b> Archbishop Paul S. Coakley</p>	<p><b>ACTION ITEM #02</b> <b>Do the members of the Conference approve the reauthorization of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism for a period of two years with the added mandate of determining a permanent place for the ad hoc committee’s mandate within the structures of the Conference?</b></p> <p><b>Do the members of the Conference approve a one-time suspension of the Committee Handbook allowing Bishop Emeritus Joseph N. Perry to continue to serve as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism for a period of two years?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Majority of Members Present and Voting</b></p>

	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON CANONICAL AFFAIRS AND CHURCH GOVERNANCE</b>  Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki  Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan</p>	<p><b>ACTION #06</b>  <b>At the request of Cardinal Timothy Dolan, do the members consider it opportune to advance on the local level the cause of beatification and canonization of the Servant of God Isaac Thomas Hecker, Priest and Founder of the Missionary Society of Saint Paul the Apostle?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Majority of Members Present and Voting</b></p>
<p><b>4:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>VESPERS and ADJOURN</b></p>	

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>PRAYER</b>	
	<b><u>DEBATE AND VOTE</u></b>	
	<b>COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP</b> Bishop Steven J. Lopes	<b>ACTION ITEM #08</b> <b>Do the Latin Church members approve the U.S. Adaptations for the <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>?</b>  <b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>confirmatio</i> and <i>recognitio</i> by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.</b>  <b>ACTION ITEM #10</b> <b>Do the Latin Church members approve the ICEL Gray Book of <i>The Order of Blessing of an Abbot or Abbess</i>?</b>  <b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>confirmatio</i> and <i>recognitio</i> by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.</b>  <b>ACTION ITEM #11</b> <b>Do the Latin Church members approve the ICEL Gray Book of <i>The Order of Consecration of Virgins</i>?</b>  <b>VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members of the USCCB, with subsequent <i>confirmatio</i> and <i>recognitio</i> by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.</b>

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	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE</b> Bishop James F. Checchio</p>	<p><b>ACTION ITEM #04</b> <b>Does the body of bishops accept the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance for approval of the 2024 Proposed Budgets?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.</b></p>
	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON DOCTRINE</b> Bishop Daniel E. Flores</p>	<p><b>ACTION ITEM #13</b> <b>Do the bishops of the United States support the request of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales asking the Holy Father to name Saint John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church?</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.</b></p>

	<b>COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH</b> Bishop Arturo Cepeda  <b>SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS</b> Bishop Larry Silva	<b>Presentation on the implementation of Encountering Christ in Harmony</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE</b> Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio	<b>ACTION ITEM #01</b> <b>Do the members of the Conference approve the reassignment of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas and the Diocese of Reno from Region XI to Region XIII?</b>  <b>VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.</b>
	<b>COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES AND PLANS</b> Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	<b>ACTION ITEM #03</b> <b>Do the members of the Conference approve replacing the current Strategic Planning Cycle with the proposed USCCB Mission Planning Process?</b>  <b>VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.</b>
	<b>COMMITTEE ON EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS</b> Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens	<b>Updates on the National Eucharistic Revival and the National Eucharistic Congress, Inc.</b>
	<b>INSTITUTE ON THE CATECHISM</b> Bishop Frank J. Caggiano	<b>Update</b>
	<b>THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA</b> Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, President	<b>Update</b>
	<b>COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC JUSTICE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b> Archbishop Borys Gudziak  <b>COMMITTEE ON LAITY, MARRIAGE, FAMILY LIFE AND YOUTH</b> Bishop Robert E. Barron	<b>Update on the Mental Health Campaign</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>VESPERS and ADJOURN</b>	