

The Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2017

Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

As we draw to a close this Year of Commitment across our Polish National Catholic Church we are called to commit ourselves to living thankful lives. St. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians (3:17): whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Are we grateful for the blessings God has given us? Are we thankful for our faith, our family and our church? Do we show our thankfulness in the manner in which we live our daily lives? How does your parish show thankfulness to God for His many blessings? Some items for consideration during this month especially: Thanksgiving food drives, providing Thanksgiving meals to those in need or alone, drives to support homeless veterans (clothing, food, other items) and don't forget national collection week for Operation Christmas Child begins November 13. Just a couple of ways we can show our thankfulness by living as our Lord commands.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (2010 PNCC Prayer Book):

Father all powerful, Your gifts are countless and Your goodness infinite. We come to You, O God, offering our most humble and heartfelt thanks for the many blessings we have received from You. Open our hearts to the needs of others, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service. Teach us to express our thanksgiving not only with our lips, but in all that we do. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

As we gather for Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day one of the Gospel selections is from St. Luke 17:11-19: *On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."*



Let us make sure we are always like the one that returned praising God and being thankful!

Here is the Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism monthly prayer calendar. For this month of November we are encouraged to show our commitment by living thankful lives.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2017</h1> <p>PNCC Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Prayer</p>					Future Direction reminds us this month of our commitment to live thankful lives.	"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." May we receive Christ at Mass with grateful hearts.
"Almighty and ever-living God, strengthen our faith, hope, & love..."	"...May we do with loving hearts what You ask of us and come to share the life You promise."	"Gratitude is the first sign of a thinking, rational creature." ~ Ven. Solanus Casey	1 All Saints' Day Thank You for the faithful lives of the Christians who have preceded us!	2 All Souls' Day Thank God for the promise of eternal life for all who believe.	3 Thank You, Lord, for mercy, grace, and strength to do Your will. (See 1 Timothy 1)	4 May I be content with what I have & aware of the needs of others today. ~ Sacred Space
5 "We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You." Contemporary rite	6 Who is a blessing in your life? Take time to say "thank you" and let them know.	7 Jesus invites you to "feast" with Him in prayer. (Read & ponder Luke 14:15-24)	8 The challenges God allows in life cause us to depend on Him more (see 1 Timothy 4:12).	9 Thank You, Lord, for directing my steps each day as I trust in You. (See Proverbs 3:5-6)	10 "Lord and Creator of all...You are the God and Father and ruler of Your children...	11...Lord of life and death...the Guardian & Benefactor of our souls..." ~ St. Gregory Nazianzen
12 Thank You, Lord, for giving wisdom to those who seek You! (Proverbs 2:1-8)	13 "No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." ~ St. Ambrose	14 "Lord, teach me to be generous...to serve You as You deserve." ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola	15 Our generosity blesses others and gives them the opportunity to give thanks to God.	16 "Remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm...	17...look forward to the future with confidence." ~ St. John Paul II	18 Every good and perfect gift comes from God the Father, who never changes (James 1)
19 Thank God for the gift of your own family, and for His Church, the Body of Christ.	20 "Gratitude is quite possibly the greatest weapon God gives us against despair...	21...it diverts our gaze toward the light rather than the darkness." ~ Cara Callbeck	22 Give thanks for first responders and medical staff for the important work they do.	23 Thanksgiving Day - May all in our nation be grateful for the blessings we have from God.	24 Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thess. 5)	25 Pray Psalm 136 today - Give thanks to the LORD for He is good. His love endures forever!
26 Christ the King Everlasting God, Lord of all, there is no one like You! (Colossians 1)	27 "Whatever you do...in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...	28 ...giving thanks to God the Father through Him." ~ Colossians 3:17	29 (Colossians 4:2) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.	30 Be thankful - you are receiving God's unshakeable kingdom! ~ Hebrews 12:28	"Lord, increase our eagerness to do Your willand help us to know the saving power of Your love." (Liturgy of the Hours)

Also during November we draw to a close our Liturgical Year with the Solemnity of Christ the King. As we approach the days of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are we putting the words of Jesus which we hear on the Solemnity of Christ the King into action in our lives?

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church. Also please keep in prayer the clergy of our church as will gather for the National Clergy Conference in just two weeks. They will be giving significant input on our next year of Future Direction efforts.



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May we show our thankfulness to God not just in our words, but more importantly by our actions. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman

We continue to implement the five themes the Synod determined for our future direction:

- Growth and Membership
- Increase Spirituality
- Lifelong Learning
- Sacred Vocations
- Community Involvement and Presence

Action Plan for 2017- a Year of Commitment

1. Greater Understanding of Church Solemnities: Institution of PNCC
2. Two Days of Retreat: Lent and Advent
3. Complete at least four community service projects
4. Implementing the Commitment Component
5. Stewardship component
6. Implement Lay Ministry Program in PNCC
7. Continuing Adult Education
8. Utilize Social Media & PNCC Future Direction You Tube Channel

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