

## **DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA & EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

### **2022 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - *Metropolitan Council Report***

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It is an honor to serve as your representatives on the Metropolitan Council. The Council met four times via Zoom because of the pandemic (November 19, February 24, and March 3, & May 11). We also met one time in person in Cleveland, Ohio (October 18-21).

#### **Some Notable Points:**

- Priest Alessandro Margheritino was endorsed by the Metropolitan Council as the new Secretary of the OCA. The Holy Synod blessed the appointment soon thereafter.
- As you already know, the 20<sup>th</sup> All-American Council, which was postponed from this past summer, was rescheduled for July 18-22 of 2022. The plan, as it stands, is to have a "normal" AAC complete with a Youth Program. Registration is now open on the OCA website. More details will be reported as we get closer on the designated council website.
- There is nothing new to report on the sale and relocation of the OCA Headquarters. It remains an ongoing project with many complicated and complex components. COVID, no doubt has been a big factor. The desire is to move the OCA chancery, offices, and residence of the Metropolitan to the Washington, DC area, to have the Metropolitan closer to his territorial diocese.
- The Department of Evangelization has posted attractive printable pamphlets for parish use available free of charge on the website. His Eminence has asked for this kind of information to be available for our visitors and guests. We have no excuse why we would not have them.
- There has been comments and questions made on the internet about the OCA pension plan. The Council discussed this and authorized an external review of the program. At this time a response is forthcoming but expected at the next Metropolitan Council meeting.
- The internal audit for 2020 and the proposed budget for 2022 (\$1.8 million) were both unanimously approved. Both are available to review on the OCA website.

Both Matushka Sharon and I will be stepping down from the Metropolitan Council. I (Fr. Timothy) have served my 2 terms and am required to step down and Matushka needs to step down for work reasons. We will need to elect 2 representatives at this Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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