## Report of the Vice-Chancellor for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly Diocese of Philadelphia & Eastern Pennsylvania

Your Eminence, Archbishop Mark, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Lay delegates and Observers,

## Christ in our midst!

On September 17, 2024, His Eminence our Archbishop Mark appointed me to be Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese, while remaining Dean of the Frackville Deanery. I was appointed to this position to assist our Chancellor, Fr. Martin Browne, representing our Archbishop, and assisting with the various responsibilities as directed by our Archbishop.

Since my appointment in September, I have participated in the following:

- We welcomed Archbishop Mark to the Fall Frackville Deanery Meeting at Holy Ascension Church, Frackville (9/24).
- Organized the Vesting of the +Mt. Archpriest Vladimir Petorak (10/4).
- Served at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liturgy at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Philadelphia (10/5).
- At the invitation of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago, I was the keynote speaker at the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest's Annual Assembly at St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH (10/7-10/9).
- Served as Master of Ceremonies at the 50th Anniversary Liturgy at St. Mark's Church, Wrightstown (10/12).
- Participated in our monthly Chancellors & Deans Zoom Calls with the Archbishop (10/17 & 12/4).
- I represented the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, with Fr. Kirill Zawatski, at a Canonical Court Conference hosted by Archbishop Daniel of Chicago at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Burr Ridge, IL (10/21-24).
- Welcomed Archbishop Mark at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Holy Apostles Church, Mechanicsburg. (10/26-10/27).
- Participated in two Zoom calls with St. Tikhon's Seminary on forming vocations and recommending proper candidates to Seminary (11/4 & 12/16).
- Presided at the Patronal Feast & Deanery Celebration of St. Michael's Church, Mt. Carmel (11/8).
- Assisted Archpriest Innocent Neal, Dean of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery, in the organization and distribution of the holy items of the closed Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre (10/3,11/8, 11/19, 12/3, 1/2, & 1/14).
- Served as Master of Ceremonies at the Ordination of Dn. Gregory Polk at Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre (11/8-
- Served as point person and host for His Grace, Bishop Benedict of Hartford for our annual Pre-Advent clergy Retreat at the Daylesford Abby, Paoli, PA (11/12-11/13).
- Organized the Vesting of +Archpriest Michael Evans (11/19).
- Accompanied the Diocesan Chancellor to St. Herman's Church, Shillington for two parish meetings: (11/19 & 1/14).
- Served and offered the eulogy for +Archpriest Michael Evans at St. John the Baptist Church, Edwardsville (11/20).
- Presided and Preached at the Patronal Feast of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Shillington, PA (12/13).
- Represented the Diocese at the Altar Feast of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Steelton, PA (12/19).
- Represented the Archbishop at the Area Christmas Concert hosted by Holy Ascension Church, Frackville (12/22).
- Participated in a Zoom Call with the Archbishop and the Diocesan Chancellor about upcoming assignments (1/5).

I am appreciative to His Eminence for the trust placed in me in this role, and for the good counsel and humor of Fr. Martin. May God bless all our efforts for the continued building up of His Holy Church in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted:

Fr. Timothy E. Hojnicki A. Jimsty C. Handle