

**St. Thomas A Becket Pastoral Council  
January 19, 2022**

Attending:

Robert Dunphy  
Sean Endsley  
Rev. William Schardt  
Jennifer Stroik  
Matthew Verghese

Absent:

Gary Beach  
Lisa Erhardt  
Tom Robinson

1. Shawn Endsley convened the meeting at 6:35 PM in the Parish Hall.
2. Opening prayer – Divine Praises offered by S. Endsley
3. Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. A planned discussion of the social justice initiative was cancelled due to the absence of L. Erhardt.
5. Communion for the homebound. Rev Schardt stated that he did not want to be responsible for transmitting COVID into homebound environments. No action taken.
6. Jubilee. The diocese launched preparations for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Arlington which will be celebrated in November of 2024. Beginning with Advent 2021 the diocese has embarked on a 3 year program of preparation. Rev. Schardt distributed copies of a letter from the bishop introducing the program.
7. Bishop Burbidge has released the Diocese of Arlington Strategic Plan 2022-2026. Re. Schardt distributed copies to the attendees.
8. Synodality. In preparation for the Synod of Bishops, Small Group Consultations will be held. The Archdiocese for the military services website has relevant materials for download.
9. Key Lenten dates were announced:
  - a. Ash Wednesday – March 2, 2022
  - b. Holy Week – April 10 – 16, 2022
  - c. Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022
10. Christmas Caroling. Thanks to Lisa Erhardt for organizing the caroling event.
11. Next meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.