

Toronto Diocese Development Day 2021

Feb. 22, 2021

Due to COVID-19 meeting protocol restrictions, Development Day 2021 was held virtually. The day began with a live streamed mass by our Spiritual Advisor, Monsignor Patrick O'Dea from his parish of St. Edward the Confessor. Two hundred and seventy members participated virtually.

After a warm welcome by Toronto Diocesan Council President Hilarion Mitchell, the three hundred and seventy members in virtual attendance heard Pope Francis speak. His video talk was titled "*Why the Only Future Worth Building Includes You*".

Members were invited to reflect on the three themes from the talk: interdependence, inclusion and hope. The standing committee chairs shared results from the 2020 annual report surveys and laid out a plan of action for councils to further the work of the national theme, "Care for Our Common Home".

The whole presentation was well received by members in Toronto Diocese as well as those members from the national and provincial executive in attendance.

