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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA
RENEWS AND EXPANDS OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP OF LIVE
STREAMING OF SUNDAY MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FOR THIRD YEAR**

*The 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass streamed live each week to Archbishop Pérez's Facebook page
and the Archdiocesan Vimeo Channel reaches
hundreds of thousands of people locally and around the world*

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that for the third consecutive year, The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGP) has signed on as the official sponsor of the live streaming broadcast of the Sunday Mass celebrated each week at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

Additionally, the CFGP has expanded the scope of its sponsorship to include additional live stream Masses throughout the year.

This sponsorship enables the Archdiocese to continue bringing the Church into the homes of hundreds of thousands of people locally and around the world who are not physically able to gather for the celebration of Mass in their local parish church.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, said, "I remain deeply grateful to The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia for their continued generosity. This great gift allows the live stream Mass to continue providing a way for our sisters and brothers who are not able to gather at the Lord's Table in-person to encounter Jesus and experience the love of God."

Sarah O. Hanley, President and Chief Executive Office for CFGP said, “The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia is grateful for the opportunity to once again sponsor the live stream Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. We could not think of a better way to demonstrate our founding principles of faith and service than to bring this beautiful celebration to the faithful who are unable to attend Mass in person.”

About the Live Streamed Mass

In March 2020, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia began streaming the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In November 2021, the Archdiocese launched the *Nothing Compares to Being There* initiative, which presented parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with an opportunity to personally invite their parishioners to return to the in-person celebration of the Mass after the many long months of the pandemic. It drew upon the central truth of our Christian faith that Jesus Christ encounters and saves us *in the flesh*, through in-person presence and celebration of the Eucharist.

Everyone is reminded of the irreplaceable need to be in-person for the celebration of Sunday Mass. Those who are sick, have a health risk, or are a primary caregiver, are excused from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. As a result, the Archdiocese continues to stream this Mass as a service for those who would be unable to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist otherwise.

Links to the live stream sites can be found below.

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopPerez/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchPhila/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCFGP>

<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

About the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia

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