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Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

We are completing our second year following the adoption of *beONE: a bold vision for Catholic St. Louis* and the progress is measurable and impressive. Our *beONE Vision and Priorities* have allowed us to focus our ministries and services more collaboratively; specifically, our commitment to Catholic education, pastoral leadership, social responsibility and missionary discipleship give testimony of our Gospel joy and ecclesial encounter with the Lord. Additionally, we have had the opportunity to connect with our parishes. Through the *Viability Study*, our missionary impulse has helped us discern what needs affirmation and transformative change.

I recently had the opportunity to convene an archdiocesan delegation for the *Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America* which took place in Orlando, Florida. This historical convocation gathered over 3,500 representatives from across our nation. Together as bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders we prayed, reflected, engaged one another and gave witness to the power of the *Joy of the Gospel* in our own dioceses.

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, this convocation continues to serve as a focal point for our ongoing work of conversion and renewal. Mindful of the joy and grace we have received from the Lord, we remain resolved in our attitude and action to grow as missionary disciples sent to revitalize our various ministries and parishes and to bring others to know and embrace the beauty and joy of the Gospel through our robust and beautiful faith.

The following is a detailed progress report with further relevant *beONE* statistics. I invite you to read this report outlining key strategic accomplishments and challenges that are part of our ongoing renewal. Further, I invite you to read the *St. Louis Review* each week to learn about the human stories behind the numbers in addition to resources at beone.archstl.org.

Let us continue to pray for one another, asking the Lord to give us the renewed zeal to advance the Holy Father's "dream of a missionary option" for the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."
John 17: 20-21