Important Announcements Made at the Recent Clergy Retreat

- Any official communications with the Ecumenical Patriarchate or the Archdiocese, including requests for commemorative letters, hierarchical visits, pilgrimages, etc. must be made through the Metropolis.

- Please notify His Eminence of any illness, injury, or hospitalization as soon as possible - do not wait until it is over. This includes those affecting your spouses, children, even parents. He cannot pray for you if he does not know that you are ill. He should not find out after the fact from a Parish Council member or parishioner – this is the responsibility of the family, a brother priest, or a close friend.

- Parishes with upcoming Centennial and Anniversary celebrations should contact Archdeacon Ryan early in the planning process to make arrangements for His Eminence’s participation, and to find out his preferences regarding key elements.
  - We can also give you references for other parishes to contact for good ideas / best practices
  - Centennials are not just the end of the 1st hundred years; they are the beginning of the 2nd century as well – and the celebration should include that focus