

## Nothing Compares to *Being There*

“I have greatly desired to eat this Supper with you.” cf. Luke 22:15

All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to “being there” in person. Whether it’s being at a friend’s wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics. Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to *being there*.

The *Nothing Compares* initiative is an opportunity for parishes to issue a heartfelt invitation to parishioners to return to the in-person celebration of the Mass after the many long months of the pandemic. It draws upon the central truth of our Christian faith that Jesus Christ encounters and saves us *in the flesh*, through in-person presence. I ask you to prayerfully consider this invitation to welcome your fellow parishioners back to the fullness of Catholic life by being a part of the Planning Team.

The Planning Team will work with the Parish Pastoral Council and myself for a set period of time: July and August, for the following action items for the beginning of September:

1. To make personal invitation by telephone to our parishioners to return to full in person worship.
2. To help coordinate a mailing
3. To develop ideas for signs and banners
4. To coordinate a Hospitality Gathering to celebrate Nothing Compares to Being There

If you would like to be a part of this exciting time for the good of our Churches, please sign up. God bless you all!

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Thank you for considering this initiative,

