AGENDA
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
PLENARY ASSEMBLY – PUBLIC SESSION
November 16-19, 2026
Baltimore, MD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17		
10:45 a.m.	**CALL TO ORDER**	
	OPENING PRAYER	
	INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS	
	RECOGNITION OF EMERITI	
	PRAYER FOR DECEASED BISHOPS	
	WELCOME OF APOSTOLIC NUNCIO	
	WELCOME OF GUESTS, OBSERVERS AND MEDIA	
	INTRODUCTION OF TELLERS	
	INTRODUCTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN	
	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	**ACTION REQUIRED** **Formal Vote (Voice)**
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF JUNE 10-12, 2026	**ACTION REQUIRED** **Formal Vote (Voice)**
	MESSAGE TO THE HOLY FATHER	
	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	
	REMARKS BY THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO Archbishop Gabriele Caccia	
	ELECTION OF SECRETARY-ELECT Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	

	ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR-ELECTS FOR THE COMMITTEES Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades	
	ELECTION OF GENERAL SECRETARY Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	
	INTRODUCTION OF ORTHODOX BISHOPS Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	
	COMMITTEE ON CANONICAL AFFAIRS AND CHURCH GOVERNANCE Bishop Thomas John Paprocki	**PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION** **ACTION ITEM #04** **Does the body of bishops approve the *Resolution on Diocesan Financial Reporting through November of 2031?***
	COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP Bishop Michael G. Woost	**PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION** **ACTION ITEM #08** **Do the Latin Church members approve the *Lectionary for Mass* and *Book of the Gospels*?**
	COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC JUSTICE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre	**PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION** **ACTION ITEM #06** **Does the body of bishops approve the updated *Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops?***
	COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **ACTION ITEM #01** **Does the body of bishops accept the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to approve the 2027 Proposed Budgets?** **VOTE: Majority of members present and voting**
	COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES AND PLANS Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **ACTION ITEM #10** **Does the body of bishops approve the extension of the annual Religious**

		Retirement Fund Appeal for a period of five years? **VOTE: Two-thirds majority of diocesan and eparchial bishops and their equivalents in law.**
	SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH IN AFRICA Archbishop Thomas R. Zinkula	**Introduction of Cardinal Protase Mugambwa, Archbishop of Tabora in Tanzania**
	COMMITTEE ON CANONICAL AFFAIRS AND CHURCH GOVERNANCE Bishop Thomas John Paprocki	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **ACTION ITEM #02** **At the request of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, do the members consider it advisable to advance on the local level a cause of beatification and canonization for Maria Middleton, a laywoman of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia?** **VOTE: Majority of members present and voting**
	CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	**CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD AND OF NEW MEMBERS**
	CLINIC Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	**CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
	COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH Bishop Robert J. Brennan	**PRESENTATION AND PRAYER**
4:30 p.m.	**ADJOURNMENT**	

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18		
11:00 a.m.	**PRAYER**	
	COMMITTEE ON CANONICAL AFFAIRS AND CHURCH GOVERNANCE Bishop Thomas John Paprocki	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **Does the body of bishops approve the "Resolution on Diocesan Financial Reporting" through November of 2031?** **VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.**
	COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP Bishop Michael G. Woost	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **ACTION ITEM #08** **Do the Latin Church members approve the *Lectionary for Mass* and the *Book of the Gospels*?** **VOTE: Two-thirds of the Latin Church members with subsequent *confirmatio* and *recognitio* from the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.**
	COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC JUSTICE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **ACTION ITEM #06** **Does the body of bishops approve the updated *Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops?*** **VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.**
	COMMITTEE ON EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS Archbishop Charles C. Thompson 54th International Eucharistic Congress	**UPDATE**
	WELCOME OF BISHOP MATTHEW ROUGÉ Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	

	WORKSHOP: A NEW GENERATION OF SEEKERS Archbishop Paul S. Coakley	**PRESENTATION**
	TASK FORCE ON PRESERVING HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Bishop Oscar Cantú	**UPDATE**
	COMMITTEE ON PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES Bishop Daniel E. Thomas	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **Does the body of bishops grant permission to the Committee on Pro-Life Activities to begin an update of the 2001 Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities for subsequent approval?** **VOTE: Majority of members present and voting**
	SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION Bishop Daniel E. Garcia	**DEBATE AND VOTE** **Does the body of bishops approve designating the last Sunday in October as a day of prayer for racial justice?** **VOTE: Majority of members present and voting.**
	COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION Bishop Brendan J. Cahill	**PRESENTATION AND PRAYER**
4:20	**ADJOURNMENT**	