

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



Memo

Date: June 26, 2017

To: Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Parish, School and Chancery Staff

From: ✠ Wilton D. Gregory, *Archbishop of Atlanta*

Re: Special Projects Oversight Committee (SPOC) Initiative

I want to make you aware of recent positive media coverage of our Archdiocese from Catholic News Service (CNS).

CNS picked up The Georgia Bulletin's fine reporting on the parishes and missions impacted by our innovative Special Projects Oversight Committee (SPOC) initiative. <https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2017/06/innovative-program-funds-buildings-rapidly-growing-churches/>

The story was subsequently published in a number of diocesan newspapers and on Crux [<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2017/06/19/creative-program-funds-buildings-rapidly-growing-georgia-parishes/>], a national Catholic news site.

These Special Projects, which allow parishes and missions with limited financial resources to request funds to expand overcrowded facilities, are vitally important to managing the continued growth of this local Church. I am pleased that this groundbreaking program is receiving national attention and remain most grateful for your support of it.