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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you today with news regarding your parish's pastoral leadership. On July 1 of next year, Father Bryan Kujawa will be receiving a new pastoral assignment. I am deeply grateful to him for his faithful service among you and for the many ways he has shared the love of Christ in your communities.

When Father Bryan departs next year, I will not have a priest available to assign to the parish cluster of St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; St. Ann, Goodridge; and St. Clement, Grygla. As you may know, our diocese is engaged in an ongoing process of *Planning for Mission*, discerning how best to serve our people and strengthen parish life while prayerfully considering the realities we face today. This situation invites us to come together in faith, prayer, and dialogue to discern how the Lord is calling us to move forward.

I want to meet with you personally to begin that conversation. **I will visit your parishes at 6:30 p.m. on November 3, 5, and 6: St. Ann's, Goodridge (Monday); St. Francis Xavier, Oklee (Wednesday); and St. Clement's, Grygla (Thursday).** These will be open gatherings where we will pray together, speak about the circumstances, and outline the next steps in our discernment. We will have to form new clusters of parishes in the area, and we will have to discern together the best way to carry out the mission Christ gives us in those clusters.

I know that change can bring uncertainty and even sadness, but I also believe the Holy Spirit is guiding us in this moment. Together, with trust in God's providence, we can discover new ways to live our mission and share the Gospel more fruitfully.

Please keep this process in your prayers, and please pray for me as I pray for you.

Sincerely, in Christ,

The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D. D.
Bishop of Crookston