



New Life

Through the Tender Compassion of Our God



Regional (OGG) Planning for Mission: Meeting Agenda (1.5 Hours)

Total Time: 90 minutes

Purpose: To gather in prayer and reflection as we begin the “Planning for Mission” process in our parishes.

St. Ann, Goodridge Monday, November 3, 2025

16 parishioners in attendance.

DPC Member present: Jess Foss

1. Welcome and Introduction – Jim (5 minutes)

- “Who am I, and why are we here?”
 - Announcement made at parishes.
 - Time to hear from Bishop, adoration, feedback, questions.
- Brief overview of the purpose and spirit of the session.
 - Explain what we will do this evening.
 - Briefly review principles 5-8 from Regional Planning Process document.

2. Why We Are Here – Bishop (15 minutes) – **handout offered of Bishop’s talk**

- Bishop Cozzens spoke about limits that have been placed upon us with priest assignments, which has led to tonight’s gathering.
- Church is ours; we all have a role; we all must go on mission; we must go make disciples. The question is how do we do the mission with the resources that we have.
- Glad to have you here to learn about the process we will need to undertake over the next nine months as we prepare for Father Bryan’s departure to a new assignment.
- Pastoral Vision of the Diocese of Crookston; missionary moment of which we live.
- Maintenance mode of living vs. growth and mission.
- Priorities of pastoral vision: Revive, Plan, Evangelize.
- How can we collaborate with area churches to do ministry?
- Missionary impulse question from Pope Francis.

3. Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction (20 minutes)

Guided Reflection Prompts:

Bishop led a guided reflection before the Blessed Sacrament (John 15:1-11). Three questions were provided on a half-page handout which are collected.

1. How have you encountered Jesus at your parish?
2. What is the greatest challenge you face as a parish?
3. What would need to change for your parish to grow?

(Conclusion with Benediction.)

4. Small Group Sharing (15 minutes)

Insights shared in small groups using the half-sheet of reflection questions:

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5. Large Group Sharing (10 minutes)

- Insights from prayer (names drawn from basket)
 - Encountered Jesus here after confession, Mass, etc after being away for 20 years.
 - Encountered Jesus through leadership from Fr. Bryan and my parents.
 - Encountered Jesus through certain songs or Gospel readings.

6. The Planning for Mission Process – Bishop (15 minutes)

- Distribution of the *Planning for Mission* handout.
 - Goal of the process.
 - Parameters and clusters shared.
 - The need for the process: changed demographics, fewer resources, etc.
 - Parish representatives from St. Ann's and St. Bernard's will work together to come up with recommendations that will go to the Diocesan Planning Commission.
 - Scenarios presented: Clustering, Merger, Oratory, etc.
 - Once the Planning Commission receives the recommendation from the parish committee, they will work out a great recommendation to the Bishop. Then decisions will happen and implementation would occur.
 - Discernment and decisions; implementation; building the new reality together.
- Walk through the steps of the process.
- Address any clarifying questions.

7. Closing and Questions (10 minutes)

- Floor open for questions.
 - What happens to parish financials? (Examples offered about various accounts during mergers.)
 - The need for perpetual care of cemeteries highlighted.
 - Could Mass happen here in Goodridge after a merger? (Answer: That would need to be discerned.)
 - Commentary about parish family and sense of community.
- Closing remarks and blessing.
 - The Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer.