



# 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. Francis Xavier, Oklee | Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

31 participants and Fr. Bryan Kujawa

DPC Member: Barb Schmitz

Jim Remer, Janelle Gergen, Bishop Cozzens

### 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 from Regional Planning Process document.
    - Principles 5-8 of overview document.

### 2. Why We Are Here – Bishop (15 minutes)

- Opening Prayer by Bishop Cozzens
- What is *Planning for Mission*?
- Why prayer is the foundation of this process.
- Invitation to enter a time of reflection before the Lord.
- Announce that we will collect the questions after the sharing.

### 3. Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction (20 minutes)

#### Guided Reflection Prompts:

Bishop led a guided reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, inviting parishioners to answer the three questions below.

Three questions are provided on a half-page handout and collected afterward.

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?

*(Conclude with Benediction.)*

#### **4. Small Group Sharing (15 minutes)**

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?

#### **5. Large Group Sharing (10 minutes)**

Parents set an example for us.

My wife becoming Catholic in this church.

Society is focused on what we get out of something instead of what we put into something.

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

- Review of the *Planning for Mission* handout.
- Review of scenarios sheet.
- Walk through the steps of the process.

#### **7. Closing and Questions (10 minutes)**

- Floor open for comments or questions.
  - Is this because we have lack of priests?
    - Partially but we also need to look at why we have lost 30% of participation over 10 years.
  - How are the prospects for the diaconate?
    - An increase of men in the diaconate is real right now. The dynamics of this are different than priesthood. (explained by Bishop Cozzens)
  - Question and discussion around number of Masses per weekend and travel, also questions around Vigil Masses.
- Closing remarks and blessing.
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer