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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese is engaged in an ongoing process of *Planning for Mission*, as we seek how best to serve God's people and strengthen parish life amid today's realities. This is a moment that calls us to come together in faith, prayer, and honest dialogue as we discern the Lord's call.

Because of upcoming changes, we will have to create some new clusters of parishes in your area. As part of those changes, the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Fisher will no longer be clustered with Sacred Heart in East Grand Forks and Holy Trinity in Tabor, but instead with the Cathedral and with St. Peter's, Gentilly. We will invite this new cluster to discern together how to carry on the mission to proclaim Jesus Christ as the Catholic Church in this area.

To discuss these changes and explain the discernment process we will follow, **I would like to meet with parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, Fisher; the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston; and St. Peter's, Gentilly at 6:30 p.m. on January 22 in the social hall at the Cathedral in Crookston.**

This gathering will be an opportunity to pray together, reflect on our shared circumstances, and consider next steps as we discern how we can work together to be faithful to Christ's mission. I know change can bring uncertainty, but I also know that with the help of the Holy Spirit and your engagement it can lead to new life. Together, with hope and confidence in the Lord, we can discover new ways to live our mission and share the Gospel fruitfully.

Please know of my prayers for you, and I look forward to being with you.

Sincerely, in Christ,

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