



January 10, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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, Fisher will be clustered with the Cathedral and with St. Peter, Gentilly and the parish of Holy Trinity, Tabor will be clustered with Sts. Peter and Paul, Warren; St. Mary, Euclid; and St. Joseph, Oslo. We will invite these new clusters 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; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston; and St. Peter, Gentilly at 6:30 p.m. on January 22 in the social hall at the Cathedral in Crookston. I will also meet with parishioners of Holy Trinity, Tabor; Sts. Peter and Paul, Warren; St. Mary, Euclid; and St. Joseph, Oslo at 6:30 p.m. on January 21 in the social hall at Sts. Peter and Paul, Warren.**

These gatherings will offer an opportunity to pray together, discuss our circumstances, and consider next steps as we discern how these parishes can best carry out Christ's mission.

As part of this time of focused *Planning for Mission* in this area of the Northwest Deanery, **I wish to share that Father Boniface Tamani will soon be arriving from Malawi, Africa, and will be assigned as Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi, Fisher, and Holy Trinity, Tabor.** Father Boniface will serve these parishes for the next six months while we continue this important work of discernment, collaboration, and planning for the future. I am grateful for his willingness to serve and ask you to join me in welcoming him with prayer and hospitality.

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