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The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens

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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 to discern the Lord's call.

Because of upcoming changes, we will have to create some new clusters of parishes in your area. 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 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 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.**

This gathering 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 process, I wish to share that the Priests Personnel Board has been assisting with our Planning for Mission work. **Because of the needs of the diocese, Father Ilango will receive a new assignment, effective July 1 of this year and at the same time, I am appointing a new pastor for your parishes. Father George Noel, who is currently ministering in Greenbush, Karlstad, and Middle River, will arrive to serve you at that time.**

I am deeply grateful for Father Ilango's years of faithful ministry among you, and I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this next chapter of service. I also invite you to pray for Father George Noel as he prepares to join you in the coming months.

I know that 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "+ Andrew H. Cozzens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial '+'.

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