



Planning for Mission

Prayer • Discernment • Feedback Session

Parish: _____

Date: _____

Welcome

Thank you for coming to this Prayer, Discernment, and Feedback Session. Your voice matters. Every written feedback form will be read and prayerfully considered.

We gather as a parish family within the Diocese of Crookston to:

- Encounter the Lord in prayer
- Listen to the Holy Spirit
- Reflect honestly on our parish reality
- Offer feedback to parish and diocesan leadership

Session Overview

1. Welcome & Introduction

2. Formation Video from Bishop Andrew Cozzens

3. Parish & Diocesan Facts and Figures

4. Eucharistic Adoration & Guided Prayer

5. Small Group Discussion

6. Large Group Sharing

7. Closing Prayer & Sending Forth

Formation Video & Information Sharing

We will hear from Bishop Andrew Cozzens about Planning for Mission and the call to become missionary disciples.

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Parish & Diocesan Facts and Figures

We will review:

- Mass attendance trends
- Sacramental data
- Financial trends
- Regional demographic trends
- Number and age of priests

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Transition to Prayer

We now move to the church for Eucharistic Adoration. Please bring:

- This booklet
- A pen

Eucharistic Adoration & Guided Prayer

We will reflect on two Gospel passages:

- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20)
- The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1–11)

Take time to listen, pray, and journal what the Lord places on your heart.

Reflection 1

“Go, therefore, and make disciples...”

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

“Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

What difference does Jesus make in your life?

Why do you want to be Jesus’ disciple?

Jesus says, “baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

How does our parish make disciples?

What do you personally do to make disciples?

Reflection 2

“Remain in me...”

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!”

How does Jesus invite me to remain in Him through prayer and the sacraments?

What is the fruit of Jesus in my life?

What is the fruit of Jesus in our parish?

Jesus says, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”

What may need to be pruned in our parish life so that we can bear more fruit?

What fruit could come if we worked more closely with another parish?

Litany of Trust

(Respond *Jesus, I trust in You* after each invocation.)

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings, and transforms me.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That You are with me in my suffering

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That You will not leave me orphan, and You are present in Your Church.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That Your plan is better than anything else.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That You always hear me and, in Your goodness, always respond to me.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That my life is a gift.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That You will teach me to trust you.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That You are my Lord and my God.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

That I am Your beloved one.

- *Jesus, I trust in you.*

Small Group Discussion

At your table:

1. Choose a facilitator and a reader for the discussion guidelines.
2. Use respectful listening and mutual invitation.
3. Each person may share or pass.
4. Please read the discussion guidelines as lead by the meeting facilitator.

Discussion Questions (See the Individual Feedback Form)

1. How have I encountered Jesus as His disciple in my parish?
2. What is the greatest challenge our parish is facing?
3. How could we work together with other parishes to make more disciples — especially among our youth?

Individual Feedback Form

Please complete the Individual Feedback Form distributed separately.

All forms will be collected and prayerfully reviewed.

Large Group Sharing

Some participants will be invited to share one insight from their reflection or table discussion (2 minutes each).

Even if you are not called upon to speak, your written feedback on the Individual Feedback Form is equally important.

Notes

Closing Prayer

We conclude with the Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the evangelization of our diocese.

Dearest Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
you came to our world
at a time of great difficulty and darkness,
when the people of the Americas
needed to know the love and mercy of your Son.
You revealed his love and compassion for all peoples.
You called them out of darkness
into his own wonderful light.
You showed us your compassion
when you said to Saint Juan Diego,
“Am I not here,
I, who am your Mother?
Let nothing else worry you, disturb you.”
We know you desire that all people come to know
the saving love of your Son Jesus Christ,
and that all would enter his Church
and live as his Children.
Inspire us, confident in your intercession,
to find ways to reveal his love
to those most in need in our communities.
Through your intercession
and with you as our strength and guide,
make us also true missionary disciples.
May we invite everyone we meet to new life
through the tender compassion of our God.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us! Amen.

Before You Leave

Please place your completed **Individual Feedback Form** in the basket. Only one form per person.

Thank you for your prayerful participation. May the Lord guide our parish as we continue Planning for Mission.