



One In Faith ACC Communication

Our ACC All Things New planning team has been meeting with diocesan staff and as a team over the last several months. The Diocese has provided the Design Parameters and some guidance on how to proceed.

A Listening Session will be hosted at each parish the week of July 7 - 11.

The primary purpose of these sessions is for the committee members to listen to and receive feedback from parishioners. This allows the planning team to understand the needs, concerns, and suggestions of the parishioners, fostering a sense of community and collaboration. We want to be stronger as an ACC as we go through this All Things New process. Your input is welcome and crucial for the success of our All Things New planning process.

Please remember:

- * NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE concerning affects to the One In Faith ACC.
- * We have been given the current parameters by the diocese. We did not decide or create these. We can expect some additional clarification, but do not expect exceptions or fundamental changes.
- * Potential solutions and ideas, as well as constructive criticism, are welcome. We strongly encourage you to share your ideas with your ACC All Things New Committee members (listed below) as they will be directly involved in the planning process.

We ask for your prayers for our One in Faith community, ACC All Things New committee members, parish staff, diocesan All Things New planning team, and Bishop Neary as we move forward.

LISTENING SESSION SCHEDULE



- ♦ Monday, July 7 at 7PM at Sacred Heart, Freeport, in the church basement
- ♦ Monday, July 7 at 7PM at St. Michael, Spring Hill, in the church basement
- ♦ Tuesday, July 8 at 7PM at St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove, in the church basement
- ♦ Tuesday, July 8 at 7PM at St. Rose of Lima, St. Rose, in the church basement
- ♦ Wednesday, July 9 at 7PM at St. Mary, Melrose, in the gathering space
- ♦ Thursday, July 10 at 7PM at Immaculate Conception, New Munich, in the church basement
- ♦ Thursday, July 10 at 7PM at St. Andrew, Greenwald, in the school basement

Please visit <https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/> to educate yourself on these realities and learn more about the planning process.

The One In Faith ACC All Things New Planning Committee members and their email addresses are:

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Timeline

- ◆ July 2025 Local Planning Phase: Each ACC will develop a plan, based on common parameters set by the bishop and present it to diocesan leadership for support and approval. Draft due by Dec. 31, 2025.
- ◆ January 2026 Implementation Phase Begins: ACCs begin implementing the changes outlined in the approved plans. Length and timing may vary from ACC to ACC based on local circumstances.

Design Parameters for the Pastoral Plan created by the Diocese of St. Cloud

Accessibility to Sunday Mass (includes Saturday evening vigil)

- ◆ 80 % of the faithful must have access to a Sunday Mass within a 20-minute drive.
- ◆ No rotation of Mass schedules between churches.

Budgeted Ministries

- ◆ One administrative office per ACC if under 3000 households.
- ◆ Liturgical Ministries.
- ◆ Formation Ministries: Children - Youth – Adult.
- ◆ Hispanic ministries with 10% of the total census population.
- ◆ Pastoral Care.
- ◆ Social Outreach.

Pastors/Priests

- ◆ Limit of three Sunday Masses per weekend/priest not including weddings/funerals.
- ◆ Pastors will spend at least 50% of their time in pastoral ministry.
- ◆ Desire to live in community within ACC will be considered.

Buildings

- ◆ Overall facility usage must average 50% occupancy or higher for all weekend liturgies in the ACC.
- ◆ Buildings must be physically accessible, hospitable and safe.
 - ◇ Restrooms in church building.
 - ◇ Church building is either one level or has access to an existing elevator.
- ◆ ACC plan must specify how empty buildings will be repurposed or relegated for secular but not unbecoming use ideally within five years.

Governance

- ◆ Reduce the number of parish corporations.
- ◆ Potential Worship Sites – Primary Church, Partner Church.

Finances

- ◆ Each finance council will approve an attainable and reasonable annual balanced budget.
- ◆ Parish investment in Catholic school may not exceed 40% of plate/envelope within five years.
- ◆ Routine building operations may not exceed 25% of plate/envelope.