

# can we build it?

**Yes,  
we can build it.**

It can happen  
because  
it has happened.



We need a plan to make it happen.

## Help shape that plan.

**The *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative is entering an essential phase of consultation with all parishioners in Southwestern PA.**

After years of consultation and study with clergy and lay leaders throughout the Church of Pittsburgh, the *On Mission* process will present DRAFT proposals for your input and consultation. These ideas have been developed using twenty-one specific criteria which you can find at [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org). **These ideas are incomplete because they do not have your input.**

***Check out the reverse side of this leaflet for more information on how you can shape the future of our local Church.***

**your  
input**  
will shape  
what happens...

but only if  
**you  
share it.**

**5 ways**  
you can help  
shape the proposals  
for the future:

1. Prioritize the outreach needs in your community.
2. Evaluate the strength of each proposed option based on those priorities.
3. Assess the suggested parish groupings in each option.
4. Rank proposed options and potential church campuses for future parish use.
5. Provide questions, alternatives, and ideas that can lead to other options.

## what is in a **DRAFT proposal?**

The DRAFT proposals or “models” are a description of how a group of parishes could potentially look in the future with respect to:

- **Strategies** including evangelization, stewardship, and worship
- Parish **structures** including church buildings and Mass times, and care for all schools, hospitals, prisons, nursing facilities within the community
- **Leadership staffing**, including clergy and lay staffing

## what information was used to create these initial drafts?

- Trends and demographics of the entire population.
- The number of Catholics over the past five years who have been baptized, confirmed, married, and who attend weekend Mass.
- The number of seats we have in our Church buildings and the number of weekend Masses offered.
- Consultation with our priests, deacons, and the lay leaders.
- The complete financial picture of our parishes including revenue, expenses, savings, and debt.
- Enrollment numbers in religious education and Catholic schools, as well as the needs for pastoral care in hospitals, prisons, and nursing facilities.

**Your parish sessions will take place:**