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On Mission for The Church Alive! invites every Catholic to envision how our parishes, schools, and ministries can best respond to the changes in our communities so that they can be ever more vital centers of worship and service and strengthen people's relationship with the Lord.

Below are some of the important pieces of information the On Mission Commission has been gathering in order to study our local Church. This information has assisted in creating draft proposals for parish life for parishioners to review and provide feedback this fall.





Jesus is the most important piece of the puzzle

That's why He's at the center. With Him, all things are possible. As we journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* our continual prayer is essential to ensure that all of our efforts are aligned to fulfill Christ's great commission to "Go and make disciples of all nations."

The desired outcomes for *On Mission for The Church Alive!* are two-fold: 1) to ensure that our parishes, schools, and ministries are best positioned to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Church and 2) to equip and excite people to share their faith with their family, friends, and community. In order for that to happen we may have to make changes to current structures to support the mission.

Jesus founded the Church in people

In addition to envisioning what our parishes might look like in the future, *On Mission for The Church Alive!* will require that we:

- **Renew** our baptismal call to holiness in proclaiming the Good News, living justly, and faithfully serving others' needs.
- **Grow** the Church by sharing the joy of the Gospel and the message of salvation.
- **Discern** God's unique call for all of us and increase vocations.
- **Support** our clergy and lay ministers with formation in leadership and missionary discipleship so they can best fulfill their vocations.
- **Believe** that through the Spirit we can become the Church Alive!



"We are that Church born at Pentecost; we are that church 2,000 years later in our mission today. We are The Church Alive! in Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit."

Bishop David Zubik
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