

ON MISSION FOR  
**THE  
CHURCH  
ALIVE!**

# SEPTEMBER 2017 *UPDATE*

CONSULTATION  
PHASE  
  
TODAY  
*thru*  
APRIL 2018

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TRANSITION  
PHASE  
  
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*thru*  
FALL 2018

**DAY ONE**

IMPLEMENTATION  
PHASE  
  
FALL 2018  
*and*  
ONWARD

## *On Mission! Timeline*

### CONSULTATION PHASE: Today thru April 2018

**September**

On Mission Commission recommends Parish Groupings to Bishop Zubik. The recommended groupings will be shared with the clergy and the faithful of the Diocese. (**These are NOT final decisions**)

**September - December**

Bishop Zubik will consult with priests and lay leaders from his advisory councils on the recommendations. He will consider their feedback in discerning his final decisions.

### TRANSITION PHASE: April 2018 thru Fall 2018

**April**

Bishop announces Final Parish Groupings, Clergy Assignments, # of Masses per Grouping (based upon # of Clergy) and Blueprints that will Guide the Implementation moving forward.

### IMPLEMENTATION PHASE: Fall 2018 and Onward

**Day One**

New clergy assignments and new Mass schedules begin. One clergy team will be assigned to all parishes in each grouping.

**What is not happening day one are the immediate merger of parishes nor the closing of church buildings.**

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

### **Parish Grouping**

A collection of individual parishes in a common geographic area proposed to become one new parish over time.

### **Clergy Team**

The priests and deacons assigned by the bishop to serve a parish grouping. Clergy teams will include an administrator and may include one or more parochial vicars, parish chaplains and deacons.

### **Blueprint**

An implementation guide that will assist clergy teams and parish staffs with daily operations and the development of pastoral plans for evangelization and ministry from Fall 2018 until the parishes within a grouping become one new parish. Blueprints will be customized according to the needs of each individual grouping.

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