

# building toward the future

**21 criteria** *guiding the creation of draft proposals for parishes you will see this Fall*

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- 1. Plan on 25% growth based on 2015 October Mass counts. The proposals must allow enough space for new Sunday Mass attendees.
  - 2. Consider the total population (Catholics and others) of the area. (E.g. 30,000 in Duquesne, Homestead, Munhall Area and 160,000 in the City of Pittsburgh).
  - 3. Plan for individual parishioner registrations of between 7,000 (SE Washington County and all of Greene County) and 60,000 (South Hills).
  - 4. Build upon existing collaboration between parishes when possible.
  - 5. Anticipate growth with respect to parishioner gatherings outside of Mass and growth in staff, with adequate space for office, meetings, large and small gatherings and parking.
  - 6. Consider the present needs for pastoral care and plan for realistic, sustainable growth for the next 20 years.
  - 7. Based on no less than 1,000 persons attending Sunday Mass against the 2015 October counts and preferably between 2,000 and 4,000 Sunday Mass goers to ensure quality worship, accessibility to a priest, and enough resources to provide excellent pastoral care and evangelization.
  - 8. Do not exceed 1 priest for every 2,400 persons attending Sunday Mass unless a priest is required to minister to a community with specific needs for language or specialized skills.
  - 9. Assignments for priests include coverage of hospitals, prisons, nursing homes and other institutions with sacramental needs.
  - 10. Consider natural traffic patterns and topography to ensure accessibility to worship.
  - 11. Consider existing relationships and connections among communities.
  - 12. Consider where registered parishioners live in relationship to their current parish territorial boundaries.
  - 13. In order to provide a strong financial base for ministry, do not group parishes in great financial distress together -- or those of great affluence together -- unless no neighboring parish is in a different situation.
  - 14. For the sake of outreach to the poor and the salvation of souls, the criteria for financial viability can be waived if there is a sound alternative financial plan.
  - 15. Consider the impact that parish debt or savings will have on another parish if there is a merger. This includes the transfer of debt and/or savings as to not gravely or disproportionately impact the parishes of reception or new parish entity.
  - 16. Plan for 60% of the 2016 diocesan priests in active ministry based on current priest and seminarian projections. That projection would be 133 priests in active ministry.
  - 17. Assume that 100 permanent deacons will be available to serve in parishes.
  - 18. Plan for no more than 1 Saturday Vigil and 2 Sunday Masses per priest assigned.
  - 19. The proposals may call for a Deacon Administrator or Parish Life Collaborator without a resident priest, if a non-resident Priest Director provides oversight and care of souls.
  - 20. When possible, assume that the priestly residence is separate from rectory offices to provide adequate personal space for the priest(s).
  - 21. If the proposal includes priests living together, the rectory must have adequate living space for each of them.

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## ***On Mission for The Church Alive! Summer Sessions***

*All Sessions are from 7pm-8:30pm*

The On Mission process involves every parish and school in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Beginning this September, consultation will begin with all of the faithful on draft models prepared for their local community. Your participation is essential.

In order to prepare for consultation, Bishop Zubik and priests and lay leaders from the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be hosting informational sessions over the summer to answer your questions and address your concerns. What have you heard about *On Mission for The Church Alive!* so far? **Be informed and fill in the gaps this summer.**

### **July 6, 2016**

Saint Patrick in Canonsburg  
with Fr. John Marcucci

### **July 7, 2016**

Saint Therese of Lisieux in Munhall  
with Fr. Sam Esposito

### **July 11, 2016**

Saint Alphonsus in McDonald  
with Fr. Thomas Kunz

### **July 12, 2016**

Saint Joseph the Worker in New Castle  
with Bishop David Zubik

### **July 13, 2016**

Saint Joseph in Cabot  
with Fr. Thomas Kunz

### **July 14, 2016**

Holy Martyrs in Tarentum  
with Fr. John Marcucci

### **July 18, 2016**

Saint Joseph in O'Hara Township  
with Fr. Sam Esposito

### **July 19, 2016**

Saint Monica in Beaver Falls/Chippewa Township/  
Darlington  
with Fr. John Marcucci

### **July 21, 2016**

Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland  
with Bishop David Zubik

### **July 21, 2016**

Saint Margaret Mary in Moon Township  
with Fr. John Marcucci

### **August 2, 2016**

Saint Margaret in Green Tree  
with Fr. Thomas Kunz

### **August 8, 2016**

Saint Frances Cabrini in Center Township  
with Bishop David Zubik

### **August 9, 2016**

Saint Valentine in Bethel Park

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