

**Bishop Zubik needs**

**your**

wisdom

perspective

prayer

ideas

questions

concerns

time

**help.**

***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 is now ready to present DRAFT proposals for your input and consultation. These models were designed at the request of the clergy using extensive research on population, finances, and effective ministry and outreach.

***These ideas are incomplete because they do not have your input.***

Every parish has been asked to hold 2 consultation sessions between October 10 and December 1. These two-hour gatherings will be opportunities for you to review the proposals and provide feedback so that the ideas can be refined and altered to best serve the needs of our 6-county diocese in the future.

***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.

## timeline

### Since April 2015

- Thousands of parishioners gathered in intentional prayer at their parishes and across the diocese.
- Process shaped by consultation with all of the priests, deacons, and more than 1,000 lay ecclesial ministers.
- The 80+ members of the On Mission Commission and its subcommittees engaged in extensive study to create DRAFT proposals for parishes and schools.
- Pastors recruited Parish Leaders who received training to serve on Parish On Mission Teams.

### Between September 26 and October 6

- Pastors and On Mission Teams participate in the first District Level Consultations.

### Between October 10 and December 1

- **Parishioners participate in a parish consultation session to share proposals and gather feedback**

### Throughout 2017

- Consultation continues with pastors and On Mission Teams, other clergy and lay leaders.
- Proposals are refined by the Commission and recommendations are made to Bishop Zubik by December 2017.

### Early 2018

- Bishop Zubik announces decisions to be implemented.

**Your parish sessions will take place:**