



**Excerpt from Fr. Frank's Faithful Chronicles
from the August 21 Bulletin:**

On Mission for the Church Alive! is moving into a new, active phase of planning for the future.

- On Wednesday, August 31st, the priests and deacons of Vicariate 4 meet with Bishop Zubik. At this gathering we will learn for the first time the diocesan suggestions for new models of ministry in our parishes.
- On Wednesday, October 5th, the priests, deacons, lay ecclesial ministers and parish team leaders of District 1 of Vicariate 4 will meet to see and review these same new models of ministry.

And you, our parishioners, will see these suggested new models of ministry in eight On Mission for the Church Alive! parish consultation sessions. These will be held:

- Wednesday, October 12th Mary Mother of Hope Parish Center 7:00PM—9:00 PM
- Thursday, October 13th St. Vitus Fabbri Hall 7:00PM—9:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 18th St. Vincent de Paul church hall 7:00PM—9:00 PM
- Thursday, October 20th St. Joseph the Worker church hall 7:00PM—9:00 PM
- Monday, October 24th Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Center 7:00PM—9:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 25th St. Vincent de Paul church hall 1:00—3:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 26th St. Vitus Fabbri Hall 7:00PM—9:00 PM
- Thursday, October 27th St. Joseph the Worker church hall 7:00PM—9:00 PM

Any parishioner can attend any of these parish consultation sessions. You do not have to attend one in your parish. Just pick one date which works for you, and come. (Seven are in the evening, one in the afternoon.) At these sessions parishioners will learn the suggested new models of ministry. These will be reviewed for strengths, weaknesses and applicability to our situation in Lawrence County. Parishioners will have the opportunity to voice their approval, disapproval and comments. Our 24 parish team leaders will be attending these consultation sessions, as “scribes” to write down your comments and as “attentive listeners” to hear what is on your mind and heart.

Once all the comments from parishioners, lay ecclesial ministers, parish team leaders, deacons and priests are collected and summarized, there will be another district consultation in January 2017. From there, all comments and criticisms will go to the diocesan commission leading On Mission for the Church Alive. Based on this extensive consultation process, sometime in 2018 Bishop Zubik will make decisions about the new parish structures for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and the clergy and lay personnel to staff these new parishes.