



One In Faith ACC Communication

All Things New: Honoring the past, inspiring the future.

This month, as the diocesan-wide pastoral planning process continues, the diocese has asked us to focus on hospitality. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to reflect his welcome, creating spaces of belonging, warmth and mercy. Hospitality is expressed not only in greeting but in genuine encounter, where each person is seen, known and valued. Through inclusive practices, compassionate outreach and a spirit of invitation, it is our role to ensure that all who seek Christ find a spiritual home in our churches.

The process of discernment continues within All Things New planning committees throughout the diocese. Some ACCs have presented their recommended plans to the Committee for the Affirmation of Plans (CAP) and other ACCs continue to formulate these plans. The One In Faith proposal has been submitted and the presentation is scheduled for October 27. The submitted proposal will be shared once the plan is affirmed by the Diocesan CAP committee.

Let's keep in mind the impact church closures will have on our diocesan community. Can you remember a time when you had to start fresh somewhere new?

All of us are called to create a faith community where the stranger becomes friend. If you see someone new at Mass, how do you welcome them?

Change can be challenging, but Christ calls us to create a Church where every person feels they belong. Let's greet each other warmly and be attentive to those who may feel lost or uncertain during this time of planning and transition.

This is a time to expand our hearts. Hospitality means looking beyond parish boundaries and seeing the whole diocesan family as brothers and sisters in Christ. As parishes come together and communities shift, we may see many new faces. Let's embrace this as a gift and take the first step to provide hospitality. This can mean introducing yourself, making space in your pew, holding a door open or an invitation to coffee. These simple gestures can build a stronger, more welcoming Church family.

Contemplate: How do you contribute to creating an inclusive space with genuine encounter in your ACC?

Let us continue to pray together for the planning process.

Please do everything you can to keep yourself informed. We encourage you to visit the diocesan website at <https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/> where you can find detailed information about the current reality, ACC information, and many resources.

