



September 2, 2020

Dear Friend and Parishioner of St. John Vianney Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish:

The idea of "vision" is to see something in the future. It defines a hope for what is to come. Leaders in both parishes have been engaged in imagining what is to come, and what God is leading us to become. Conversations have happened with the spirit of "Open my eyes Lord, Open my ears Lord, Open my heart Lord."

We, the Bettendorf Vision Committee, want to invite everyone who has a stake in the future of the Catholic church in Bettendorf to be part of the conversation about where we are going next. Even though we are still limited by restrictions around COVID-19, the work and life of the church must go on. Therefore, this committee has used an online conferencing tool called ZOOM allowing us to continue moving forward. This planning process is not new, as it is building on several years of discussion. Making plans now will give time to implement them over the next few years.

Your input is needed and highly valued. The process is helping define the best direction forward.

There are **three** things you should do:

- 1. **Read** the information carefully to fully understand the options being considered and why they are being considered. The attached document includes a 'Decision Pathway', a 'Question & Answer' section, and also outlines the three possible 'Options' including advantages & disadvantages for each option.

To access additional rationale and materials for review, go to lourdescatholic.org or to sjvbett.org website and click on the icon "[VISION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BETTENDORF](#)".

- 2. **Participate** in one online Parish-wide Visioning Meeting, via ZOOM or by phone, to learn more about the options, discuss the advantages and disadvantages, and give input. **Please RSVP for the meeting date you plan to attend at <https://forms.gle/JEsDXbLc2sUEEKPA9>** or email Amanda at adiaz@meitler.com. **Meeting options include:**

Monday, September 14, 6:30PM-7:30PM - click on link below or copy & paste into your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86950042801?pwd=SVRkNDdMMElyQnNaQm0ycVUycUMydz09>

Or go to <https://zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 869 5004 2801 Passcode: 219190

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30PM-7:30PM - click on link below or copy & paste into your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86789026214?pwd=NHZWdS92WnZ5d0R3cldNRUNDUjNVQT09>

Or go to <https://zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 867 8902 6214 Passcode: 819996 .

Both meetings will be the same, you only need to attend one session. To access ZOOM by phone, call (312)626-6799. Enter 'meeting ID' followed by '#', when prompted enter 'Passcode' followed by '#'.

- 3. **Complete** a survey that will be distributed mid-September.

May the Lord guide us as we seek to follow His plans for our community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr Jason

Rev. Jason Crossen

Fr Jim

Rev. Jim Vrba

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[Enclosed: Vision for The Bettendorf Catholic Church Document]