



Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany progresses with the “Remade for Mission” initiative, the first step includes assessment and information sharing so parishioners can understand their parish’s current state of affairs. The self-reflection and information sharing process is not based on one area but is wholistic and covers a broad-spectrum including parish finances, liturgical attendance, sacramental life, volunteer participation and involvement, serving the needs of the people in the greater community, and the many components required in fulfilling our mission to the best of our ability.

Over many years we have become inwardly focused and living in a state of decline. We must honestly and critically assess, identify, and share this information with our parishes so they have time to contemplate and journey from an emotional state of mind to a rational state of mind. Many parishes have already commenced this assessment phase and will continue to do so in the weeks and months ahead. However, there are some parishes where the people are not aware their parish is struggling to survive. All parishes will follow the “Remade for Mission” timeline of discernment and implementation, but parish networks that are already journeying through the assessment and information sharing phase and are ready to take action will have the flexibility to submit their recommendations to Bishop ahead of the April deadline.

“Remade for Mission” is a difficult, but necessary process for our Church to refocus on why we exist and do so to the best of our ability while being responsible stewards of our limited resources. Let us unite as brothers and sisters in Christ and foster strong and vibrant communities. Remember, we are called to love one another and go out to serve the needs of all who reside within the geographical region known as the Diocese of Albany.

More information will be shared about Remade for Mission as the process unfolds. This will require much prayer, and we call upon the Holy Spirit to provide the wisdom and courage needed to best fulfill our mission.

You can email the Remade for Mission team at remadeformission@rcda.org or you can call the Remade for Mission phone line at (518) 453-6676. Leave your name, number and question and someone will get back to you. You can also check the Remade for Mission webpage frequently. It is a resource for all. The Frequently Asked Questions will be updated as new questions come in. You can also find all messaging, words of encouragement, stories from parishes around the diocese sharing their ideas and best practices. Let's learn from each other and help each other.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Remade for Mission Support Team

*We are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love
and to bring Christ's healing presence to our world.*