

December 28, 2025

Dear parishioners,

We are writing today to inform you of some recent developments with the planning process. As many of you are aware, the Isanti ACC planning team submitted a plan for the *All Things New* planning process of the St. Cloud diocese at the beginning of November. At that time, we made pulpit announcements announcing the simple facts of the plan and posted a copy of the proposed plan on the parish bulletin boards for everyone to read.

Our plan included merging the three parishes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Isanti, Christ the King in Cambridge, and Sts. Peter and Paul in Braham into one new corporation, while keeping the existing church buildings open. Our plan is a stewardship plan that seeks to carry on the mission of the Church by evangelizing and forming missionary disciples. To receive an electronic copy of the proposed plan, contact Brigitte at the IACC central office.

On November 24th, representation from the Isanti ACC planning team met with CAP (Committee for the Affirmation of Plans) at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. It was a good meeting. Following the meeting CAP met privately, affirmed our plan for merging three parishes into one new corporation, and additionally, they affirmed the closing of the church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Braham. These two affirmations will be sent to the presbyteral council for consultation. This is the next step in the process. After all 29 Area Catholic Communities have had their plans reviewed by the planning office, affirmed by CAP, consulted with the presbyteral council, and approved by bishop Neary, a diocesan plan – comprised of these plans – will be shared, and official decrees will follow.

We are grateful to CAP for their ability to make difficult decisions as they balance the vision of the local ACC with the broader vision of the diocesan planning office. They have been entrusted with a very difficult job. Please continue to pray for this committee as the process continues.

While our plan is not yet finalized, we are encouraged to move forward with the pastoral vision it provides. A plan, even when approved, remains a guide and not a guarantee. Even though we cannot see every future circumstance, we can continue to share in the mission of Jesus led by the Holy Spirit.

Overall Goal: Develop a unified faith community, while preparing for growth.

Supporting goals:

- 1) Foster stewardship as a way of life, understanding that everything we are blessed with is a gift from God.
- 2) Forming missionary disciples.
- 3) Growing in friendship.

Additionally, we will continue to take small steps in combining and sharing resources when prudent, and we will continue to keep you informed as updates become available. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our parishioner, the planning process, and Bishop Neary. Our hope is in Jesus who passed from death to new life. The victory is His.

~Blessings,
Fr. Peter and the Isanti ACC planning team