

January 13, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

To begin, thank you for your participation in Stage 1 of the Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation. Your input and data have provided a rich and interesting view of the challenges and opportunities facing parishes, and our diocesan church as a whole.

We are pleased to say that, with the delivery of the compendium of all parish profiles to you in late December, Stage 2 is well underway. Please take time to read through the compendium and see what is happening in parishes across our diocese!

Our team is now developing toolkits that will be distributed to each parish at the end of January. The due date for returning the responses generated by the parish toolkits is March 15, 2022. Your responses will be the starting point for us to begin developing proposals that will be reviewed and refined during Stage 3 of the consultation.

On Wednesday February 2, 2022, from 7-8:30pm, Bishop Shane and the SPMC team will host a virtual meeting for all parish clergy and leaders to recap the work so far, and to prepare us for engaging with the toolkits. A zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us or your SPMC team contact.

Be well in the love and peace of Christ,

Anne-Marie Clysdale and Jon Martin SPMC Co-Chairs