



Growing Disciples is a multiyear pastoral planning process for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria to renew discipleship and enhance relationships with Jesus Christ in every corner of our region. The Bishop will be examining the current structure of parishes in the diocese to evaluate how they can best meet the needs of the faithful and address challenges facing the Church today.

Why are we doing this as a Diocese? We are Growing Disciples. Bishop Tylka chose that title intentionally. The world is different and we have to find new ways of doing things. We have fewer priests. Fewer Catholics. Fewer children. People are moving. We have to reimagine the way we reach people with the Good News.

The Growing Disciples process is designed to provoke conversation, to gather data and receive feedback. Based on the feedback from recent priest meetings, the Diocese is changing the way they release the second draft models. You will be able to see your parish's second draft model with appropriate context and information, online by October 1 at cdop.org That way, all parishioners have access to all the information at the same time, and can come prepared to their parish meeting. Your input is needed and valued as Bishop Tylka discerns the future footprint of the Diocese of Peoria.

Please check out cdop.org/pastoral-plan for more frequently asked questions, and please continue to pray that all our efforts today will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.