

WAHW Listening Sessions

October 19, 2025

Over the past year you have heard about the pastoral conversion program undertaken by Cardinal Tobin for the entire Archdiocese entitled “We Are His Witnesses” (WAHW). This program is meant to assess the resources, personnel and parishioners of the archdiocese and make concrete plans and changes for the future.

It is no secret that we have less priests, income and people in the pews of our churches. Therefore changes are needed which will result in fewer but stronger and more vibrant parishes. We have been told that every parish will be affected, and that includes Notre Dame.

I hope you have been able to keep up with the information that has been in the bulletin and on our website. I know many of you completed the Disciple Makers Index survey for which I am most grateful. Now, every parish is being asked to hold listening sessions to which all parishioners are invited. At these sessions, models will be presented for Notre Dame to be merged with other surrounding parishes. You will be able to give your feedback on these models or propose other ideas.

The dates for our meetings are:
Monday, November 10, 6 to 8 pm
Wednesday, November 12, 6 to 8 pm
in the parish center.

Walk-ins are welcome but it would be very helpful if you let us know you were coming by registering on our website.

Before attending you may want to learn more by visiting our website <https://www.ndparishnc.com/we-are-his-witnesses>, the archdiocesan website <https://rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/> and you can even look at the proposed merger of parishes now by visiting: <https://rcan.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Essex-County-North.pdf>

I know it is a lot to absorb but it is going to happen one way or another and the more input the diocese has, the better. So please find the time for you or a family member to attend one of the listening sessions and sign up today! Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom