Visioning Night — Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2026

Purpose	PPEC formation, relationship-building, prayer, and discernment of priorities for the coming year.

Opening Prayer & Spiritual Reflection

The meeting opened with prayer and reflection centered on the Holy Spirit, virtue, and the parish mission to "Live Jesus." The group reflected on Archbishop Hebda's *Only One Thing Is Necessary*, emphasizing Jesus as the center of parish life and mission.

Members also reflected on the Fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Fruits of the Spirit will continue as a formation theme throughout the year.

Formation of the PPEC

The purpose of the new PPEC structure was reviewed. The PPEC brings together the former Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Synod Evangelization Team (SET), combining listening, discernment, consultation, evangelization, and implementation.

The intent is to build upon work already accomplished rather than begin again.

Visioning Exercise

Members considered Mary, Mother of the Church one year from now:

- What would someone experience when entering the parish?
- What would we want people to say or feel?
- What opportunities or gaps should be addressed?
- How can MMOTC more fully live *Only One Thing Is Necessary*?

Table Discernment

Table 1 — Welcome, Mentorship, Care & Connection

- Welcome, particularly young adults and those not connected
- Mentorship and modeling Christian life
- Intentional invitations across cultures and generations
- Greater diversity and connection within parish leadership
- Breaking down silos
- Whole-person care
- Stronger connection with the wider community
- Small groups for belonging, practical care, and accompaniment
- Mentorship following OCIA and other transitions

Table 2 — Parish as Home, Participation & Sacramental Life

- Parish as a spiritual home—welcome, nourishment, acceptance, and belonging
- Mass at the heart of parish life
- Greater participation at Mass
- Meaningful volunteer opportunities for children and young people
- Active participation of children in parish and liturgical life
- Welcome across cultures, ages, abilities, disabilities, and life circumstances
- Building one another up in Christ
- Growth in baptisms, Catholic marriages, and sacramental participation
- Measurable signs of growth and belonging

Table 3 — Belonging, Accessibility, Intergenerational Life & Accompaniment

- Invitation and inclusion rather than simply providing information
- A stronger sense of belonging
- Accessibility for elderly parishioners and those with mobility or health limitations
- Connection for widows/widowers, single parents, and others needing community
- Better communication and invitation into small groups
- Intergenerational relationships, including an "adopt-a-grandparent" concept
- Intentional outreach to college-age young adults and those home on breaks
- Purpose-driven groups and going out "two by two" to listen
- Accompaniment—walking with people
- Practical access to the Eucharist for those with mobility or health limitations
- Live Jesus expressed outwardly by sharing Jesus

Common Themes

- Jesus at the center
- Radical welcome and belonging
- Invitation and relationship
- Accompaniment and mentorship
- Small groups
- Young adults, children, and families
- Intergenerational relationships
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Whole-person care
- Cultural connection
- Eucharistic and sacramental life
- Mission beyond the parish
- Parish unity
- Measurable fruitfulness

Moving from Vision to Action

The July gathering focused on relationship-building and discernment rather than selecting specific initiatives. The next phase will identify broad mission areas and invite broader parish participation, allowing groups to prayerfully discern how to respond to what was heard.

Next Steps

- Preserve the complete July table discernment.
- Incorporate earlier discernment from PPC, SET, Parish Staff, and Small Group Leaders.
- Identify common and unique themes.
- Continue developing the PPEC and Mission Squad structure.
- Invite additional parishioners into the work.
- Ground the work in prayer, *Only One Thing Is Necessary*, Live Jesus, and the Fruits of the Spirit.
- Develop meaningful ways to recognize and review the fruit of the work.

> **Next PPEC Meeting:** August 20, 2026

Closing

The meeting concluded with prayer intentions and prayer, entrusting the continuing discernment and work of the PPEC to the Holy Spirit.