

Journey In Faith Input Sessions - FAQs

What are these meetings?

Each parish will be holding two local input sessions for parishioners about the *Journey in Faith* process and proposed models for their parish. These meetings are a follow up to the information released on Sept. 2 and the regional meeting (Meeting #1) which was held in 34 locations throughout the archdiocese in September.

When and where are the meetings?

Every parish in the Archdiocese will be hosting meeting #2 from late September through October and meeting #3 from late October through Nov. 15. At St. Patrick in Cedar Falls, our meetings will be held:

- Meeting #2: Sunday, Oct. 19, 1:30—4 PM,
- Meeting #3 Thursday, Nov. 13, 6:30-9 PM

Both meetings will be held in the Youth Center (Wood Gym) in the basement. No RSVP is required.

What is the difference between meeting #2 and meeting #3?

Parish Session #2 offers parishioners the chance to reflect on and engage in discussion on the strengths and challenges of each model, sharing their own experiences and insights while also listening to the perspectives of others.

Parish Session #3 invites parishioners to look ahead and reflect on “Where do we feel called to belong in a pastorate?”, creating space to consider the proposed models, share new ideas and models, and discern together the future of our parish communities.

How can I prepare for these meetings?

- Spend time in prayer, especially invoking the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom.
- Review the FAQs, maps, and other resources found at dbqjourneyinfaith.org. The proposed pastorate maps including St. Patrick are on Page 7 of this bulletin.
- Consider what your thoughtful verbal feedback will be at the meetings concerning the proposed pastorate models and other ideas/suggestions you want to share.
- Submit feedback and questions via the feedback form on the Journey In Faith website at www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org through Nov. 21, or take written letters to your parish office to be uploaded for you.

Why should I attend?

Journey in Faith is about setting forth a course to have vibrant and sustainable parishes focused on evangelization for the next 25+ years. This is your opportunity to be engaged and offer valuable feedback and information which will be considered prior to decisions being made by Archbishop Zinkula in Spring 2026.