



## Hanover Township Renew My Church Update: January 31, 2023

### Discernment Process

St. Ansgar, St. John the Evangelist and St. Peter Damian Parishes engaged in the Renew My Church (RMC) discernment process through the fall of 2022. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment team (GFDT), which was made up of members from each parish community, met to review and discern the future parish structure for the area.

Based on their meetings and feedback gathered from the larger parish communities, they submitted feedback to the archdiocese. The Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which includes representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, reviewed the feedback and other information, including financial summaries, capital needs and parish trends.

Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Grob are grateful to Fr. Garcia-Ferrer, Fr. Gorczyca, Fr. Ciomek and the Grouping Teams who gathered throughout the past few months, and all parishioners who offered feedback through the recent discernment process.

### Status

In the past few weeks, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, and the archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the Commission's discernment.

**Rather than making a final decision, the Commission and Presbyteral Council recommended taking more time for additional discernment of the needs of Spanish and Polish language ministry in the grouping. Once the results of that discernment are clear, questions of parish structure will be reviewed again.**

Bishop Grob and RMC staff will work with the grouping team between now and Easter (April 9, 2023) and focus on the continuing demographic changes in this grouping. **The archdiocesan advisory groups recommend further discernment pertinent to the language ministry. Special consideration will be given to the approach executed over the past 20+ years in determining whether modifications are needed to support growth in where and how Spanish and Polish language ministries are offered.** This discernment is not about consolidation due to limitations. This is about ensuring particular ministries have the time and space needed to meet the needs of the people living in Bartlett, Hanover Park, and Streamwood. Once this additional discernment has concluded, and a recommendation has been made regarding pastoral needs, decisions regarding parish structure will be reviewed and finalized.

**Please note St. John the Evangelist School will continue with no changes.**