



## ***Renew My Church: North Shore Grouping Update*** **January 2018**

The *Renew My Church* North Shore grouping includes Sacred Heart Parish and School (Winnetka), SS. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish and School (Winnetka), St. Francis Xavier Parish and School (Wilmette), St. Joseph Parish and School (Wilmette) and St. Phillip the Apostle Parish (Northfield).

### **Discernment Process**

The North Shore grouping began the *Renew My Church* review and discernment process a year ago. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team, which was made up of representatives from each of the parishes, met to review and discern the future church, parish and school structures for the North Shore grouping area. The team reviewed four scenarios for the area, which were provided by the Archdiocese. Based on their meetings and discussions with the larger parish community, they submitted a report for the Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which included representatives from across the Archdiocese, with feedback on the scenarios.

While there was not a consensus among the group regarding the scenarios, the breadth of feedback offered was extremely helpful and important for the Archdiocesan Commission, the Presbyteral Council and Cardinal Cupich to read and review in making a final decision regarding the future church, parish and school structures for the area.

### **Decision**

Cardinal Cupich and the Archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met, and based on the Grouping Team's feedback, the Archdiocesan Commission's recommendation and other considerations, the Cardinal made a final decision regarding the grouping's structure.

Sacred Heart Parish and St. Philip the Apostle Parish will unite to form one new parish, effective July 1, 2018, retaining both churches as active worship sites of the new parish.

St. Francis Xavier Parish and St. Joseph Parish will unite to form one new parish, effective July 1, 2019, retaining both churches as active worship sites of the new parish.

SS. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish will continue in its current parish structure, with a full-time resident pastor.

SS. Faith, Hope and Charity, St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Schools will continue with their current programming and structures.

### **Next Steps**

Over the next few months, the Archdiocese will work with parishioners to ensure an orderly and smooth transition to the new parish structure for Sacred Heart and St. Philip. The Archdiocese's Priest Placement Board will work with the community to identify a pastor to lead the new parish. The Archdiocese will similarly work with parishioners to transition to the new parish structure for St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph in 2019.

With the new parish structures confirmed, the North Shore grouping parishes and schools will work on new ways to implement the *Renew My Church* vision: to make disciples, build communities and inspire witness.