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Dear Monsignors and Fathers,

Today I am pleased to publicly announce Growing Disciples, a two-year process to create a pastoral plan for the Diocese of Peoria. As you will learn in this [video](#), through prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment we hope to enhance the vibrancy of our parishes, schools and ministries; increase support of the happiness, health and holiness of our priests, and enable the faithful to go make disciples within a mission-driven, sustainable structure of parishes and schools.

You will be hearing much more about Growing Disciples in the months come. Today, as we announce this effort to the diocese, we are sharing the news with you first. Later today we will communicate to diocesan staff, parish staffs, and the wider public. The website for [Growing Disciples](#) will go live later today and the plan will be announced through social media this afternoon.

You will also be asked later this week to designate a parish Primary Point of Contact (PPOC) to assist with data collection and information sharing. My hope is to simplify the process of providing information to the diocese and to better store and use this data going forward. This year, you will not need to provide the Annual Parish Pastoral Report in September. Instead, a digital survey will be sent to you later this month, the first phase of a new digital data collection process. Thank you in advance for working to complete it promptly.

Know that you are and will remain in my prayers as Growing Disciples unfolds over the next several months.

Peace and Prayers,

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