



DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

A third listening session is scheduled - Diocese of Des Moines Listening Sessions

Due to the overwhelming response, and requests for an additional listening session the following week, we are scheduling a third listening session on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 pm.

The Diocese of Des Moines will be holding three virtual listening sessions around enhancing the Diocese's six pastoral priorities in the life of your parish community. These listening sessions will build on the initial work that was completed which identified six pastoral priorities in our Diocesan pastoral plan.

The listening sessions will be held virtually on:

- March 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- March 12 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm
- March 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm (just added for Catholic and Public School families)

Contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org before noon on March 11 to participate. This invitation is open to everyone.

Our two questions we will explore:

- Based upon our six Diocesan pastoral priorities, where do I see signs of growth? Where do I see stagnancy or the Church falling behind?
- Our mission is to help each baptized Christian to cultivate connections in Christ through encounter, friendship, and communion. What is needed in your local community to make this Christian vision come alive?

Attached to this invitation is a document which provides information on our six pastoral priorities. The six pastoral priorities emerged from listening sessions with laity and clergy from around the Diocese in 2021 through 2022. Results from these sessions will be shared with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Vatican.

Please direct questions John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org.