



Working Together To Evangelise Our Diocese

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Dear Steward,

We have now received feedback on the First Formal Proposal from all but a handful of parishes and some of those are feeding back or meeting very soon. The feedback varies in length from one line statements of being content with what is proposed to many pages of detailed comments about both the Renewal and Restructuring strategies. Overall the feedback is heartening and constructive and demonstrates quite clearly that many more people are much more engaged with the process that you have been facilitating. That is a great testament to your hard work and I am very grateful to you. Today I write to keep you informed about some minor adjustments to our timeline as previously published.

Last week the Diocesan Strategic Planning Group met to begin their review of all the feedback and it was felt that we needed to adjust the timeline in recognition of the fact that there was so much good feedback to look at and to respond to. Therefore the reports back to you that were originally scheduled to be by today will now be at the end of May after the DSPG has met again for an additional session. The other DSPG meetings previously published remain in place to progress the Vision document that will still be presented to you as originally intended on 3rd November 2018 and published on the First Sunday of Advent.

The only other change is in relation to the Working Groups that we have previously discussed. There is a feeling that to try and meet the timetable for establishing all of these groups was overly ambitious and that we should proceed a little more slowly with them. Therefore when we provide a response to your feedback at the end of May I will also set out a revised plan in relation to the Working Groups which will involve staggering their introduction over a slightly longer period of time.

Quite soon a further video message from Bishop Alan to your parishes will be released and published on the website and in a form that is downloadable directly onto your own devices.

Please share this information with your priest and fellow parishioners and I will write with more detail at the end of May. Thanks again for all you are doing.

Kind regards,

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