

# SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

With Bishop Flores

Vicariates of Blue Water, N. Macomb, Pontiac, Southwest, and Thumb

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## Top ideas useful to ministry:

## Mentions

- Ministers as conduits (“the skin”) of the Spirit/purity of intent 29
- Ministry mirroring Jesus – living not just doing 23
- Concentric circles model and the power of collaborative ministry 21
- Listening, responding, inviting all to the table 19
- Call to ministry is not necessarily call to success (perseverance) 18
- Need for openness to change, thinking beyond Parish and comfort zone 15
- Balancing life and mission 14
- Recognizing roadblocks and obstacles 7
- Learn, love, teach, show love... 6
- Having the experience of Jesus in order to share it with others 5
- Other mentions: (at least 2 mentions)
  - Interruptions can be meaningful
  - Experiences of joy and sorrow create a “bigger heart”
  - Understanding others creates “more powerful prayer”
  - Mission vs. maintenance – going beyond the usual
  - Conversion to Christ involves conversion to others
  - Success must be grounded in prayer
  - ABBA experience
  - Providence
  - Unity

Synthesis of comments: *“Logistics don’t matter – what matters is what we are doing for others as a conduit of the Spirit.”*

## Contributions of a Vicariate:

- Promote and provide collaboration of resources, activities, formation 41
- Provide communications (incl. website) interactions, networking 35
- Create opportunities for sharing of ideas, needs, best practices, & solutions 34
- Provide support, assistance, and/or recognition  
for Parishes/ministries/young adults 18

Synthesis of comments: *“Area Church can be a resource to the local parish, and a beneficial bridge to the larger Church.”*