



September 11, 2009

Dear Parishes, Pastors, Administrators, Seminarians, Parish and Finance Councils,

Summer has come and almost gone. The days are getting shorter and the fields are beginning to ripen. A new pastoral year has begun in our parishes and we are getting back to our normal routines.

Our diocese is also going through the same process. We continue to develop our Parish Pastoral Plan of Action after working on our Vision and Mission Statements. This progress may seem slow, but we are gradually moving forward. I have employed various ways of getting to know you and the diocese. The time is right to harvest this information and proceed with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Please find enclosed the following reports from the last two DPC meetings that occurred in North Battleford and Prince Albert:

- Minutes
- Evaluations
- Strengths and Weaknesses
- Drafted Mission and Vision Statements

Sent out previously:

- The Power Point material that was used at the presentation was sent to those who attended and had email addresses. *For those who do not have email addresses, the Power Point has been sent to your parish.*
- DVDs were made of the meeting for viewing to help out parishes, parish councils and finance councils. *The DVDs were sent only to the pastors and administrators from our parishes.*

If you have finished formulating your Vision and Mission statements, please forward a copy to the Pastoral Center. If not, please attempt to have one sent before November 14th. Included with this letter are sheets named **Section A**, **Section B** and **Parish Pastoral Plan Reporting Tool**. They are for your use as a parish while you discuss your Parish Pastoral Plan.

This past spring, we also sent out a questionnaire entitled **Knowing your Parish and Parish Directory**. Some parishes have not returned them to the Pastoral Center as of yet. This is vital information. I am carefully reading through all submissions so I may get to know and understand your parish better. Also, the compilation of this data also provides you with the opportunity to take a good look at your own reality. The responsibility of knowing, understanding and planning for the future of our faith communities falls on all of us.