
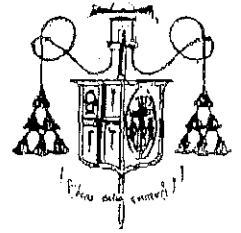


October 2, 2007

To: Priests in the Diocese of San Diego
 Fr: Bishop Robert Brom 
 Re: EMBRACING OUR MISSION



Office of the Bishop

I have met with the Board of Deans, as I said I would at our recent convocation, and we have concluded that under the title of **Embracing Our Mission** we should invite everyone in the Diocese of San Diego to make a generous contribution which (1) will help to cover the expense involved in compassionate outreach to our brothers and sisters who suffered sexual abuse within the family of the Church, and (2) will allow us to continue the many other responsibilities we have which are also a part of our mission.

Priests

Since we cannot ask of others what we are unwilling to do ourselves, the deans accepted the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council to invite every priest to contribute one month's salary toward **Embracing Our Mission**. Retired priests will be asked to contribute according to their means. In this regard, you will soon hear from your dean.

All Others

It was decided that everyone else in the diocese, in a parish based fashion, should be sent a personal invitation to **Embracing Our Mission**, including a letter from me, a letter from their pastor and an envelope for response.

Pastors should note the following time table:

- Pastors should return immediately the enclosed form indicating how many return envelopes will be needed to cover their total parish mailing. (One and the same return envelope will include both English and Spanish.)
- Pastors should prepare now a business size envelope addressed to every member of their parish.
- Before October 10th, pastors will receive a copy of my letter in English and Spanish which they will be responsible for getting copied.
- At the same time, pastors will receive directions and recommendations for their letters which they should then develop and have copied in English, Spanish and perhaps even Vietnamese, as may be necessary.
- The parish based mailing should take place as soon as all materials are ready to be sent out, and no later than October 26th.

Obviously, in addition to this total Church approach to **Embracing Our Mission**, there will be more targeted efforts toward covering settlement expenses about which you will be asked for assistance as these develop.