

**The Northwestern Ontario County Parishes**  
St. Bridget /St. Joseph – Bloomfield; St. Dominic – Shortsville;  
St. Felix and St. Francis – Phelps and Clifton Springs;  
St. Mary – Canandaigua; St. Patrick - Victor

June 29, 2005

Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, DD  
Diocese of Rochester  
1150 Buffalo Road  
Rochester, NY 14624

Dear Bishop Clark:

It is with a great sense of joy that we submit to you the 2005 Pastoral Plan for the parishes of Northwestern Ontario County. The Plan has been endorsed by all five Parish Councils representing the 6 parishes and has been presented to the parish communities in “town meetings” to obtain their input and reaction. The reception of the Plan has been quite favorable and the Catholic community is supportive of the course of action described in the Plan.

Attached to this letter is a recap of the process that took place over the past nine months to develop this plan.

Certain goals were critical in our deliberation;

- A pastoral presence and a place for worship in the six communities should retained be a top priority if at all possible
- The pastoral care requirements of seven health care facilities, three hospitals, a county jail, an elementary school and an expanding resident student population at Finger Lakes Community College must be included in the plan.
- Encouraged by the successes of collaborative programs initiated by the 6 parishes over the past 5 years, faith community growth must continue to flourish.

The proposed plan, while short on specifics, provides a road map to where our faith community will be in 5 years and beyond. We, the members of the Northwest Ontario County Planning Group, respectfully ask for your input and endorsement of this Plan.

Sincerely:

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