

January 28, 2005

Mr. James Weisbeck  
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Dear Jim,

Based on further review of our priest projection over the next ten years and of the information you have provided about the continuing growth especially in the Victor area, I am adjusting the priest projections to be used in your planning process. There are currently five priests assigned to the planning group. Sometime between now and 2010 this will need to be reduced to four. We do not anticipate any further reduction over the second five year period. These are the assumptions you should use in your planning.

Of course, these are not absolute commitments but rather our best estimate of what will be possible. There is nothing I can see that would make me think we could not fulfill these commitments. It is the nature of the future, however, that there may be factors of which I am unaware or that develop between now and 2015

As I mentioned in the orientation, this planning group is unique in the extremes of size of the member parishes. This planning group includes some of our biggest parishes and our smallest. Any plan to accommodate the planned reduction of one priest needs to take this into account.

Sincerely,

William L. Pickett  
Director, Pastoral Planning

Cc: Housel