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To all Parish Priests, Priest Moderators, Parish Life Directors, Deacons and other participants at Deanery Meetings.

Dear friends,

I wish to inform you of a newly-configured Diocesan Committee called: *The Renewal and Growth of Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC)*.

Committee's Mission: To actively assist parishes in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface in the development and implementation of Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC).

Committee's Vision: That each parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface have an active Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) focused on the particular needs of the parish and its Mission and Vision.

Strategies or Mandate:

- **Be a point of contact for parishes in need of support;**
- **Promote the implementation of the Diocesan "Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils Upper Room Document";**
- **Develop workshops in answer to the needs expressed;**
- **Maintain a list of resource materials on the diocesan website;**
- **Present, promote and encourage the use of the diocesan documents;**
- **Prepare periodic communiqués.**

It is my hope that members of this committee will be invited to be present at one of your next deanery meetings to inform you of:

- Their progress to date;
- What they can offer you and your parish council;
- Plan ongoing deanery workshops on the organisation and functioning of Parish Pastoral Councils.

A committee member will be contacting your Dean by December 31, 2018, to determine a date to attend one of your upcoming deanery meetings.

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Members of the Committee for the *Renewal and Growth of Parish Pastoral Councils* (PPC) are the following:

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Our goals are clear: the formation of parish communities of missionary disciples as called for by Pope Francis. Together we strive to live out the full mission of the Church sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and building up his reign of justice, mercy, love and peace. In all of this, **it is increasingly clear that in a parish, the two key sources and prime movers of all this are the Pastors, Parish Life Directors and the Parish Pastoral Council** (surrounded and carried by all the faithful). It is a shared leadership of imagining and discerning where God is calling us, then a collaborative effort of planning and carrying out the will of God. **We must walk the talk together.** The efforts of the Diocesan Committee for the *Renewal and Growth of Parish Pastoral Councils* can help all of us in doing this.

Let us always pray for the powerful work of the Holy Spirit, let us always pray for one another.

Wishing you all the best,



+Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of Saint Boniface