

Ecumenical Catholic Communion

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Dear Beloved Communities, Pastors, Priests, Deacons and Community Leaders of the Central Region,

Grace and peace to you and all those you serve!

I pray that this Autumn finds you well.

As you can imagine, as much as I have tried to be supportive of you and your communities through prayer, communication and pastoral visits, I find myself wishing I had more time, energy and physical presence with you all. In other regions of the Proto-Diocese, (Southwest and East Coast) vicars (Rev. Delores Kropf and Fr. Henry Pruski) have served to help with communication, consultation, leadership, facilitation and the mentoring of those called to holy orders.

I am so thankful for the assistance that these vicars, as well as the vicar for Religious Orders, (Fr. Rick Klaich, OSB) have provided to all these communities connected to the Proto-Diocese and how they have helped me have a pulse on those who, as bishop, I am called to shepherd. The vicars and I meet monthly.

After prayer, consultation and discernment, I am happy to announce that I have appointed Rev. Suzanne Schloemann to be the vicar of our Central region. Many of you know Rev. Suzanne and have experienced her graceful pastoral presence and spiritual depth. I am confident in her abilities to listen deeply and be a bridge for us all. Rev. Suzanne can be contacted at suzanneschloemann@gmail.com and (314) 610-5260. She will be reaching out to you in the near future.

My hope is that, through her service, we might be more connected and share more deeply with one another our faith, challenges and experiences of seeking to live out the gospel in our day and age.

Paz y amor!

+ Pablo

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