



Dear Friends in Christ,

The image of a family table is central to our American tradition. It is at the table that we gather with family and friends to share our life experiences and celebrate our daily blessings. It is at the family table that we hear the stories of our ancestors and learn our family values. The image of table is also central to our Catholic tradition. It is at the Eucharistic table that we are nourished in our faith and formed by the values of our Church. It is at the Eucharistic table that we find the direction and strength to take what we believe out into the world. Finally, it is at the Eucharistic table that we are joined in communion with other pilgrims on the journey. It is no wonder that as I reflected on my hopes and dreams for the Diocese of Boise the image of a table came to mind – a table where all the faithful would be invited to ***use their unique gifts and particular roles to grow in personal holiness, to transform our parish communities, and to renew our world.*** This is the essence of what it means to be “All at the Table.”

In seeking to become a Church of Idaho that embodies this vision, I invited Catholics from across the diocese to offer their input. The material gathered was reviewed, evaluated, and eventually integrated into the pastoral plan we have before us. Four particular priority areas have been identified that will deserve our attention and action over the course of the next 5 years. I invite all of our priests, deacons, religious, and laity to join me in the implementation of our pastoral plan.

As we move forward into the future, we do so in a spirit of promise and hope. I remain ever thankful for the diversity of gifts found among our people which enrich our diocese and make manifest God’s love throughout our state. Utilizing our collective wisdom and faith, I have no doubt that together we will be able to use this opportunity to build a Church of Idaho where all are at the table!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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