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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I appreciate your willingness to take a leadership role and participate in *Growing in Faith Together*. I see this planning effort as very important to the Church in central Illinois as we fundamentally continue to grow and reorganize ourselves to do what we already do, but to do it better. It is a great opportunity to literally grow in faith together. Through being in conversations within our parishes and among neighboring parishes, we will discover anew our strengths as well as explore ways we can be stronger and more effective by working together, perhaps in new configurations.

The goals of *Growing In Faith Together* include the following:

1. To enhance the vibrancy of parish life in the Diocese of Peoria.
2. To strengthen the presence and ministry of the Church in the city and rural areas of the Diocese.
3. To foster an appreciation for and participation in Sunday Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance.
4. To help make Stewardship a Way of Life throughout the Diocese.
5. To promote vocations to ordained and lay ministry.
6. To ensure that all parishioners have opportunities for quality lifelong Christian Formation, including supporting new initiatives for youth and young adults.
7. To strengthen service to those who are marginalized.
8. To build a greater sense of unity among the English speaking and Spanish speaking people within the local Church.
9. To increase collaboration among all entities in the local, national and universal Church.
10. To advocate for peace and justice in the Church and in the world.

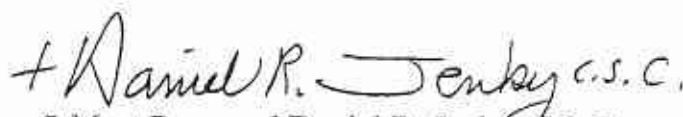
My hope is that we will not only achieve these goals, but surpass them by deepening our faith in the living presence of Jesus Christ in our midst, by increasing our relationships with each other beyond current parish boundaries and by being more energized to reach out to people who are marginalized and in need, so that we can further the reign of God in this world.

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There is no "master plan" in my bottom draw. I am counting on you and your wisdom to help create a faith filled plan so that we can be organized in a way that we as a Church can be strong and sustainable into the future. As a realist I know this will call for some changes in our parish structures and at times will be painful. I also believe that through this process we can truly grow in faith together and be stronger faith communities than we are today.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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