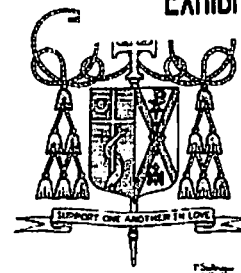


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Mr. & Mrs. Kyle La Tray
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Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's Mission in Jamesville,

I greet you in this Easter Season with gratitude for your example of faith, and for your understanding of the challenges faced by the diocesan Church at this time in our history.

Sweeping demographic changes and limited human and financial resources have encouraged a long dialogue on the best ways to continue the mission of our Church and to serve the people of our diocese.

In 2001 I wrote a Pastoral Letter to you that outlined the challenges that we face as a family of faith. Since then our diocese has been invited to a wide collaboration facilitated in our local pastoral care areas. I asked that by Thanksgiving 2006 each area provide me with plans to be discerned and implemented for the future.

We now stand on the bridge to our future. I trust that we can walk across that bridge together. I need your help to make a change in the way that your faith community currently ministers and works together.

After a significant period of consultation in your area and discernment of the needs of both your area and our diocese, I have determined that St. Mary's Mission in Jamesville will close, and its ministries will be consolidated with Holy Cross Parish in DeWitt. This decision will be effective on 1 July 2007. I understand that change is difficult and I ask that you help me to guide our diocese into its future. I am grateful for the rich history that St. Mary's has provided to your area and its people.

I have written because I desired to share this information with you myself. I believe that we can move into our future if we 'support one another in love.' Please pray for your local faith community, for the diocese and for me, as I shall be praying for you. Again thank you for your example of faith.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Moynihan".

Most Rev. James M. Moynihan
Bishop of Syracuse