



Diocese of El Paso

Catholic Pastoral Center

Office of the Bishop

Dear Parish Support Staff,

I recently celebrated my 5th Anniversary as your Bishop and I wanted to take some time to meet with you personally and thank you for your faithful service to the People of God. Over these past five years I have met some of you and some of you recently began your service with the Church. During this time I would like to share some thoughts with you about how we can collaborate more effectively and more fruitfully carry out our important service. I would also look forward to the opportunity to speak to you about the response of the Church of El Paso to the recent scandals of sexual abuse and its subsequent cover-up in some cases.

For this reason I am asking your Pastor, Administrator or Parish Life Coordinator to close your parish office on Thursday October 11 so that you can join me at Santa Lucia Parish Hall from 8am to 12noon. The pastors, deacons, religious and lay administrators will be invited as well. During this time I would also like for you to get to know our Diocesan Ministries and to discuss with you how we can better serve you and your parish communities.

Please respond to this email with the number of support staff that will be attending so that we can provide for you a continental breakfast and lunch.

Thank you for your faithful service and I look forward to seeing you on the 11th.

+ Mark J. Sitt
September 14, 2018

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross