



## **Pastoral Planning for the New Millennium Eastern Greece/Charlotte Planning Group**

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Member Parishes

Holy Cross  
Holy Name of Jesus  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Our Mother of Sorrows  
St. Charles Borromeo  
St. John the Evangelist

December 19, 2005

Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, DD  
Bishop of Rochester  
1150 Buffalo Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14624-1823

Dear Bishop Clark:

For the past twenty-seven months the members of the Eastern Greece/Charlotte Planning Group have been at work on a pastoral plan that will serve as a guide for our six parishes over the next five years. I am pleased to report that we have reached agreement on our approach to each of the many issues we face and have incorporated these agreements into a plan which I am now submitting for your approval.

This plan is the culmination of hundreds of hours of work on the part of dozens of people. Not only have the members of our Steering Committee been involved, but we have also sought input from staff members and parishioners. Also, all six of our parish pastoral councils have discussed and affirmed this plan.

In crafting this plan we have paid close attention to the issues you raised in your September 27, 2003 letter to me. We have also incorporated responses to concerns that have been raised by our own parishioners.

Your primary concern, judging by both its position and length, seems to have been how we would utilize the services of the priests assigned to our planning group. I believe this one issue received more hours of careful and prayerful thought than any other. We are fully aware that our planning group is in the very favorable position of having more priests committed to it than we have parishes. However, at this time we believe it would be counterproductive to decrease the number of weekend Masses currently scheduled by the parishes in our planning group. We do plan to monitor this situation closely.

We are grateful for your leadership throughout this process and we look forward to your approval of our plan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Shea".