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Dear St. Edith Parish Community,

It has been my privilege to walk with all of you through the first year of the Restructuring of the Archdiocese of Detroit. I appreciate that you have remained positive throughout this process so far. We know that the restructuring is needed, and I cannot think of a better way to approach things. We are all called to change, and I understand that change is difficult, even if we know it is change for the better.

This past Monday, two new models for Planning Area 7 were posted on the AOD website. These two models are different than the three that we were presented with during the listening sessions.

These models are not final. The AOD may adopt one of these models or may come up with yet a sixth model. I encourage you to go to restructuring.aod.org and look at Model Options D and E. There is a workbook for each of the parishes in our planning area that gives a great deal of information about each parish. I encourage you to have a look at the workbooks.

You will notice in Model Option D that St. Edith is in a pastorate with St. Colette, St. Michael and St. Gerald. There will be no weekend Masses at St. Gerald, which means that they will combine with another parish in the pastorate. In Model Option E, St. Edith is in a pastorate with St. Aidan, St. Colette and St. Michael. There will be no weekend Masses at St. Edith, which means that we will be merged with another parish in the pastorate. Remember, these are possible models. No final decisions have been made.

We all know St. Edith is a large flourishing Parish with a healthy school. We have already built a Parish that is the type of parish that we are trying to build through the restructuring process. I met with our Key Parish Leaders, Elisabeth Johnston (Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson), Matt Taggart (Finance Council Chairperson), Megan Szczypka-Wolschleger, Linda Riethmiller and Mark Tuttle. We will continue to meet and prepare a document to send to the AOD outlining all the many reasons that St. Edith should continue to have weekend Masses.

We want to give each of you the opportunity to comment on Model Options D and E. You can comment in the following ways:

- Complete the electronic feedback form stedith.org/feedback-stedith-restructure
- Obtain the paper version of the feedback form in the back of church or in the November 1 bulletin.
- Submit completed paper forms in the collection basket at Masses, in the box in the Gathering Space, or in the mail slot at the Parish Office.
- If assistance is needed, volunteers will be in the Parish Library the weekend of October 31st and November 1st.

The period for submitting feedback forms closes Monday, November 2nd. The Key Parish Leaders and I will use your feedback in formulating our response to the AOD.

I know the prospect of St. Edith possibly not having weekend Masses is a surprise and upsetting. Know that no final decision has been made about the future of St. Edith Parish. Whatever happens we will continue to walk this journey together. Let us remain positive. Our St. Edith Community can accomplish great things.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Jim