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Reverend Andrew D. Booms  
St. Michael Parish  
P.O. Box 355  
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Dear Father Booms,

I continue to be grateful to you and all the priests, administrators and parishioners who are so supportive in the important work of implementation. This remains a critical time in the history and mission of the Diocese of Saginaw.

I appreciate the thoughtfulness given to the process of selecting a name for the new parish which will be formed by the merger of St. Michael Parish, Port Austin, and St. Mary/St. Edward Parish, Kinde. At this time, I am pleased to inform you that the new parish will be named **Annunciation of the Lord Parish**. I realize that this was not the first option recommended by the people and the cohort team. However, the title "Good Shepherd" turned out to be a popular suggestion among the cohorts. You will note that the location qualifier "of Huron" is not to be part of the title. This new title will become effective on July 1, 2013. Until that time, you may begin to publicize the name in efforts to create a unity among the parishioners of the new parish. You also may begin, with the help and direction of diocesan staff, to address the practical measures required, e.g. Sunday bulletins, stationery, contribution envelopes, bank accounts, etc.

I commend all those who have committed themselves to the implementation of this new parish structure, whatever their feelings regarding this merger. May we all rely ever more deeply upon the grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we journey towards a *Future Full of Hope*.

With prayerful best wishes for the Lord's blessings upon you and all the parishioners of Annunciation of the Lord Parish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph R. Cistone, D.D.  
Bishop of Saginaw

Cc: Reverend Craig Carolan