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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Re: Families of Parishes in London and Lucan**

From the very beginning of the work of the *Task Force on the Future of Pastoral Care in the Faith Communities of the Diocese of London*, our commitment has been to be a *mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus*. We adopted the *Family of Parishes* model to provide us with the stability needed as we continue to become mission oriented.

Bishop Dabrowski and I have been meeting and working closely with pastors of the Families of Parishes that have already been activated. These meetings have given us the opportunity to observe the good work that our activated Families, and all of our parishes, are doing to be mission oriented. We are learning from their experience. Working with the *Equipping the Saints for Ministry: The Diocesan Commission for the Families of Parishes*, we want to ensure that we are offering our Families all the support we can.

To that end, after consulting with priests of the city of London, Bishop Dabrowski and I became aware that changes to the Families in London and Lucan might be necessary. With the care of our parishioners and future generations in mind, we gathered the priests of the parishes of London and Lucan for a series of facilitated discussions. (The two Families of Parishes in the deanery which were already activated or announced for activation in 2020 were not part of this process.) The priests worked with their pastoral teams and parish leadership and provided us with feedback and a number of possibilities for realignment of Families. We took their two preferred proposals to the Council of Priests. On the basis of the input we received, we are announcing the Families of Parishes for London and Lucan (see attachment).

All parishes and Catholic communities will be part of a Family of Parishes. Christ the King University Parish, London, is unique in its structure and finances and has not been associated, at this point, with a Family of Parishes. Further discussions are required regarding its status and association with a particular Family of Parishes.

Bishop Dabrowski and I thank everyone for their participation in the meetings and for their input. As we move forward, it is important that we continue to work together to ensure we have done all we can to build stable Families of Parishes that are mission oriented. In this Year of Prayer, may we be united in our prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our diocesan Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B.  
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