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Dear Archbishop Hebda:

Our gratitude, as always, for the leadership you provide for us in the Church's mission.

Enclosed is a proposal for a system of regular, two-way communication between your office and the parishioners of the Archdiocese. We think a system of communication is needed to build the trust necessary for all of us to grow.

As you will see, the proposed system is based on the deanery model now used by the priests. We envision that each parish would have a representative on a Lay Deanery Council and that each Deanery Council would have a representative on your Lay Advisory Council.

We propose this Lay Advisory Council in addition to any plans for an Archdiocesan Synod or a Pastoral Council with more general and comprehensive membership. This Lay Advisory Council would meet with consistent frequency and provide a steady channel for communication and understanding.

We have circulated drafts of this proposal to many lay and clerical leaders during the drafting process, among them Timothy O'Malley and Fr. Michael Tix with Archdiocesan offices. We have also publicized our intent to propose this system in our Lay Network Update, emailed to about 1500 parishioners on our list.

We are available to help with the further development and the implementation of this plan. Thank you for considering it.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gotto, President

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