



DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

August 24, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors
Parish Life Coordinators

From: The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville

Re: Annual October Count

Enclosed is the form for the Annual October Count of Mass attendance and Communion reception. I ask all Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators, and Chaplains to please keep as accurate a record as possible for the five weekends of the month of October, 2010. Please keep one copy for your files and forward a copy to the Chancery by Friday, November 5 via fax or mail, or by emailing the Excel spreadsheet to info@diobelle.org.

As you know, every diocese is responsible for preparing annual statistical data, which is used in a variety of ways:

- compiling reports for the Holy See
- projecting trends within our own diocese
- supplying information for Church and Church-related studies
- determining pastoral needs in various areas of the diocese

The October Count represents a reliable way to gather this data. My sincere thanks to you for your efforts to make this year's count as complete and accurate as possible.