



DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Sunday afternoon, June 21, I will host the Fourth Annual Appreciation Reception at my residence. This will mark the Fourth Anniversary of my installation as eighth Bishop of Belleville on June 22, 2005. These Annual Appreciation Receptions provide me an opportunity to honor representatives from our parishes who have made extraordinary contributions to the life of the Church of Belleville. I am writing to ask you to submit the names of **two couples (or four individuals)** from your parish who you would like to recommend as an expression of appreciation.

The persons invited can be anyone offering support to the ministry of the Church in your parish. This includes parish secretary, custodian, sacristan, school teacher, school principal, housekeeper, bookkeeper, volunteer, business manager, a faithful worker of any kind, or an outstanding example of Christian fidelity. They simply need to be someone who you think should be recognized and appreciated for their service to the parish and through the parish to the Church.

Please send me their names and addresses by Friday, May 15th so that I can send them a formal invitation in a timely manner to make it easier for our guests to arrange to attend. Please make note of the names you submit so that next year you will be able to select different individuals.

Sincerely and appreciatively yours in Christ,

+ Edward K. Braxton

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville