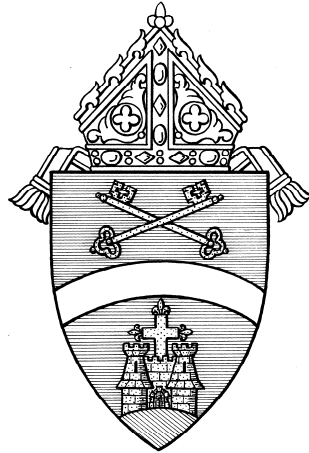


THE PASTORAL PLAN FOR
PARISH RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE



**The Catholic Diocese of Belleville was erected by His Holiness,
Pope Leo XIII
on January 7, 1887.**

**On January 7, 2012 we will celebrate our
One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.**

“May we approach our Year of Jubilee with renewed faith. Please join me in praying for the well-being of all of the Christian Faithful of our Local Church. May we be blessed with an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, to the Diaconate, to the Religious Life, and to Lay Ecclesial Ministry! May we imitate the firm faith of Saint Peter, the Rock, on which Jesus Christ built His Church and the Patron Saint of our Diocese, whose ‘Keys to the Kingdom’ grace our Diocesan Seal. May God grant us a renewed dedication to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we all love one another and all people as Christ loves us. May we participate in the PASTORAL PLAN FOR RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING with generosity and confidence, with trust in God and trust in one another!”

Bishop Edward K. Braxton