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To All the Faithful in the Diocese of Edmundston



Subject: Year of Faith

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In his Apostolic Letter *Porta fidei* Pope Benedict XVI announced a *Year of Faith* which will begin on October 11, 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and which will end on November 24, 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The complete text of the Apostolic Letter can be found on the website of the Holy See:
<http://tinyurl.com/apostolic-letter>

I also wish to inform you that a *Note With Pastoral Recommendations for the Year of Faith* has been published and is available at this website:
<http://tinyurl.com/pastoral-recommendations>

Mgr. Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation, commented that in his Apostolic Letter "*Porta Fidei*", the Holy Father emphasized that it is imperative to rediscover a path of faith capable of enlightening joy there is in meeting Christ, and the fact that it coincides with the anniversaries of two great events which have marked the life of the Church: the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and the twentieth of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The *Year of Faith* is "intended to the rediscovery and renewal of the gift of faith, so that the members of the Church will be credible and joy-filled witnesses to the Risen Lord in

the world of today.

All of the faithful must rediscover the contents of faith, professed, celebrated, lived and prayed... this must be reflected in the daily lives of the believers, and in the regular ministry of a community that must rediscover its missionary nature in view of the New Evangelisation... An important place must therefore be given to prayer and the Eucharist, source and summit of the christian life.”

May this *Year of Faith* be for each and everyone the occasion to foster the joyous rediscovery of the faith and its renewed transmission. May this *Year* also be a special time of grace during which we, as Christians, may share that is most dear to us: Christ Jesus, the Redeemer of mankind, Universal King.

With my fraternal sentiments,

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Concept of the Logo: The logo is composed of a square, bordered field on which a boat, symbolizing the Church, is represented as sailing on a graphically minimal representation of waves. The main mast of the boat is a cross from which sails are displayed in the form of dynamic signs which compose the trigram of Christ (IHS). The background to the sails is a sun which, associated with the trigram, refers also to the Eucharist.