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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessed Easter! May the joy of the Easter Season fill your hearts and homes!

Easter reminds us that it is Jesus, who makes all things new again. After this year of pandemic, we are all longing for our lives to be renewed, our families to be healthy and for us to gather once again to celebrate the Eucharist as a complete family of faith.

During this year, we have all faced challenges whether through illness, employment issues, or just the separation from our loved ones. Yet, even in crisis there are gifts which we receive. This past year has provided me with additional time to pray, to reflect and to discern about the future of our parishes, our schools, our many ministries and our beloved Diocese. This reflection compels me to reach out to you, our faithful parishioners to seek your input regarding the future of our faith community.

Therefore, we have embarked on a feasibility study that embraces some of the short-term and long-term strategic initiatives and needs of the Catholic community of La Crosse. As part of this study, we have invited approximately 1,650 families from around the Diocese to provide their input so that it may guide me as to how we may proceed. Hearing from so many faithful Catholics should provide the information necessary to forge our path forward.

I encourage you, should you receive an invitation to participate in the study, to please do so. Your input will have a direct impact on the decisions we make for our future. May God bless you and your family during this Easter Season!

In the Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I am,

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