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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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TO ALL PARISHES:

Dear Pastors, Administrator and Office Managers,

In the May meeting of the Presbyteral Council the members approved the implementation of an October Count for the Diocese of Tucson. I suspect that some of you are familiar with this process. Many diocese ask their parishes to perform a count of how many parishioners attend Mass and receive Holy Eucharist at the weekend Masses. These numbers are then statistically analyzed, used in reports for the Quinquennial to the Holy Father; and used to complete our annual reports to Rome. This is called the October Count.

Attached you will find a simple form that can be tabulated, tallied and either faxed or emailed back to my office. I need it by November 4th. I leave it to you (the pastor or administrator) to decide who will help you collect the count and how. I thank you in advance for your parish's participation in collecting the counts.

The data collected will be kept in your parish file here at the Diocesan Pastoral Center along with your annual *Pastoral Report. After three to five years the information collected will provide us with growing or decreasing participation trends at your parish; within your vicariate; and across the diocese. We hope this information can be developed into a five year report that will be helpful to you for future planning.

We trust you will see the value this information can be to you in future pastoral planning and outreach. In closing I thank you for your leadership and service to the Diocese of Tucson.

Your servant in Christ,

Katherine R. Rhinehart
Chancellor
Diocese of Tucson

CC: Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D.
Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah McCarthy, V.G., Moderator of the Curia
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*Pastoral Report Forms will be sent out electronically by September 16th with a due date of October 28th