



"A voice proclaims:
In the wilderness prepare the
way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland
a highway for our God!"
Isoiah 40:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In February of 2008, I had the privilege of being installed as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Amarillo. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to travel throughout our Diocese and meet many members of our diocesan family. I have been impressed by the strength of their faith and the love they have for their parishes. I have also been struck by the beauty of our churches, each built by the sacrifice and care of those who came before us.

As I look ahead to the future of our Diocese, I see many needs. Several of our parishes are struggling just to provide minimal services. Some parishes have outgrown their current facilities. Here at the Pastoral Center, we are facing serious structural and foundation issues.

What follows is a plan to respond to the challenges we face. This plan is filled with hope and optimism and will require sacrifice from us all. We call this undertaking **Preparing the Way**, and we believe its time has come. This campaign gives us the best opportunity to lay a strong foundation upon which the Faith will be passed on to our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

The success of this campaign will depend on your prayers and generous financial support. I have every confidence that we will achieve our goals. Together as a diocesan family, we can accomplish many great things for Christ.

May the Holy Spirit bless you, your family, and your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Patrick J. Zurek Bishop of Amarillo

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