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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priest, Deacons, Sisters, Pastoral Administrators, All Parish and Ministries Staff
FROM: Fr. Jeff Fleming, Chancellor and Moderator of the Curia

REGARDING:

1. Plans to Consolidate and Relocate the Diocesan Offices and Ministries
2. Plans to Relocate the Bishop's Residence

Bishop Vetter has initiated a plan to consolidate Diocesan operations and ministries from three office locations into one central location and to relocate his personal residence into the same building on a separate floor. This project was developed in consultation with the Diocese of Helena Finance Council and College of Consultors. Bishop Michael Warfel of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings consulted regarding Catholic Social Services and the Montana Catholic Conference.

Plans will relocate the Chancery (the Diocese of Helena administrative offices) in Helena from the building at 515 N. Ewing to a single floor of office space currently under construction on Last Chance Gulch.

The move will include two organizations that are jointly run by Montana's two Catholic Dioceses and located in Helena, the Montana Catholic Conference (currently at 1313 11th Ave.) and Catholic Social Services of Montana (1301 11th Ave.).

Project benefits include strengthening a collaborative approach to services and resource use, eliminating costly building maintenance and repair, and providing a single location for those served by the offices, ministries, and programs to one site. Project analysis revealed that consolidating underutilized space through planning and other efficiencies will reduce usage by approximately 3,500 square feet.

Bishop Vetter plans to live on a residential floor in the new building - a short walk from both the Cathedral of St. Helena and Carroll College. The new location puts the offices close to over a dozen nonprofits and service agencies with local and statewide constituents, situating the Bishop and his team to engage in friendship, learning and to encounter and grow in a life of faith with all people.

Office consolidation and relocations are slated to occur when construction concludes in November of 2021.

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