



**Diocese of Belleville**  
**Office of the Bishop**

June 13, 2014  
Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

Dear Monsignor Buerster:

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

I am pleased to appoint you as Pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Bartelso, where you have served, until now, as Administrator, in accord with **THE PASTORAL PLAN FOR PARISH RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING**. This appointment, for a term of six years, is effective July 15, 2014. (Please review canons 515-544 of The Code of Canon Law.) With this letter, I authorize you to act in the name of St. Cecilia Parish in all matters according to Canon 532.

My first expectation of you as Pastor is that you do all you can to bring the People of God closer to Jesus Christ as you preach the Gospel, explain the Scriptures, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. As you enter intimately into the lives of the faithful in times of joy and sorrow, from birth to death, you should have a special concern for the poor, the sick and the victims of injustice. As Pastor, you have a unique responsibility to cultivate vocations to the priesthood among the young. In a special way, I urge you to be solicitous of those who have been alienated from the Church.

I am enclosing copies of the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity. These should be read aloud and signed during the Mass of Installation, which should be set on a date within the next ten weeks which is convenient for you and the Vicar Forane, The Very Reverend John C. Iffert. Please send these witnessed and signed documents to Deacon George G. Mills, Jr., Special Assistant to the Vicar General, immediately after the Installation. Two Rites of Installation are enclosed. You may use the one you prefer. After you have been Pastor for about six months (perhaps in January 2015), you should arrange to come and see me to reflect on how your new ministry is unfolding.

May the Lord who begins this good work in you, dear Monsignor Buerster, bring it to fulfillment. *Oremus pro invicem.*

Fraternally and appreciatively yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Edward K. Braxton', with a cross symbol to the left.

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.  
Bishop of Belleville

Copies: Reverend Monsignor John W. McEvilly, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia  
Reverend Monsignor John T. Myler, V.F., Chairman of the Priests' Personnel Board

**P.S. This letter is to read at all the Masses at St. Cecilia Parish and St. Boniface Parish the weekend of June 21-22, 2014. The letter should also be copied and inserted in the parish bulletins.**

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**The Reverend Monsignor James A. Buerster**

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