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Dear Parish Priests & Religious within the Diocese

Preparing the Way Consultation 2015

As promised in Bishop John's Pastoral Letter last weekend, the diocesan consultation is now ready and will remain open for the next seven weeks. It can be accessed at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Salford2015 where responses can be entered directly onto the electronic form. This is the best way to complete the questionnaire, since the system will also do the analysis of responses for us.

Parish priests who are on e-mail will also receive the questionnaire in Word format so that it can be printed out for parishioners who do not have access to a computer. Parish priests who are not on e-mail (and all religious houses in the diocese) are receiving a paper copy of the questionnaire with this letter.

Please take the time to respond to this consultation yourself and encourage others to do so. Ideally, in addition to individual responses received, it would be good if parishes or religious communities could have a meeting and prepare a collective response.

Here is a possible insert for parish newsletters which can be adapted according to your circumstances:

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Thank you for all your help with promoting this consultation. Let us hope and pray that we get a significant response which will enable clear decisions to be made about important matters for the future of our diocese.

Yours sincerely.

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