

Friday, November 10, 2017

Dear Bishop Terrio,

Our twinned parishes of Assumption and Resurrection (Edmonton) would like to discuss with you the various possibilities of supporting the pastoral works of the parish in Fort Chipewyan. We are in the planning stages of establishing a partnership with this Northern Mission.

We have met with Sister Cecile, who is the pastoral administrator of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish. She tells us that currently 15 – 20 out of a possible 1200 people attend Mass when a priest visits. In her presentation to our parishes she indicated that one possible need could be addressed by helping to develop a plan for fundraising for the maintenance and restoration of the historic structure.

It is our intent to build an authentic relationship that will be sustainable over time. To that end, our parishes would gladly support the pastoral and spiritual needs of the parish and to facilitate the establishment of various prayerful and religious educational activities. We are in the process of discerning how this could best be done.

We seek your input. Perhaps you are able to find a retired priest who would be willing to serve the needs of the people on a full-time basis. We would be happy to commit to completely paying a priest's salary and expenses.

We look for ideas as to how we can help develop long-term strategies that would benefit the spiritual works of the good people of Fort Chipewyan.

Please call me at 780-468-4071.

Yours in Christ,

Father Mitchell Fidyka