

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

“To know, love and to serve the Lord and one another, in imitation of Mary”

March 1, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

*As you are aware from the pulpit and bulletin announcements as well as through articles in “The Catholic Light” and our local newspapers, every Parish in the Diocese of Scranton is in the process of doing a self-evaluation. It is part of the “Called to Holiness and Mission: Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Scranton.” Our Parish Core Team has been appointed and trained and has been conducting meetings with the five subcommittees made up of our parishioners. The core team will eventually participate in a cluster group with other parishes in our area. They will also conduct a Parish “Town Meeting” to present the results of our study and to seek your participation. To involve the greatest number of parishioners, we are doing a parish survey. Every registered parish family will receive a copy. You are asked to **prayerfully and objectively** complete this evaluation so that we can have a true “view from the pew.” The Pastoral Planning will only be successful with the involvement of many parishioners. Prayer and thoughtful reflection are essential in completing this evaluation.*

*The evaluation is a series of questions on various aspects of parish life. You do not need to answer every question, if there are any questions that you feel unsure about or have no opinion, simply leave them blank. The evaluation may be signed. However, this is optional. All information is confidential. Completed forms may be mailed or taken to the Parish Office or deposited in the weekend collection basket. Please complete and return this survey **as soon as possible**, but no later than Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008.*

Nativity of the B.V.M. Church is a very large and active parish which has many strong qualities. We are also a parish that is open to growth. We need to grow in many ways so we can fulfill our parish mission statement and continue the Lord’s work in our time and place. I am grateful to our volunteers who are serving on the Parish Core Team and those who assisted on the various subcommittees, and I look forward to your response so that Nativity Parish may continue to be a strong and effective witness to Jesus and the Gospel Message.

God Bless You,

*Father Ric Polmounter
Pastor*

*Christopher Andres, Wayne Foresman, Chris DeMarco,
JoAnne Mirabelli and Ron Kukuchka
Parish Core Team*

