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MEDIA ADVISORY

Diocese Announces Staff Restructuring

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – In an effort to streamline processes and operate cost effectively, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has announced a restructuring of staff positions on the diocesan level. The changes come after a formal analysis of each department to determine the necessary structure for the diocese to carry out its mission in the future.

As part of the changes, diocesan employees were notified today that nine existing support level positions will be eliminated effective December 21, 2018. The affected employees will have the opportunity to pursue seven newly-created positions and any other job opportunities within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

In order to assist employees whose positions are being eliminated, the diocese has scheduled a Rapid Response meeting sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor to aid them through the transition. The diocese is grateful to all of the employees for their years of service to the Church and will offer them continued support throughout this process.

Under the leadership of Bishop Mark Bartchak, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has taken various steps in recent years to reduce costs and be good stewards of the resources entrusted to the diocese by the faithful. Those measures include the sale of the bishop's residence in Hollidaysburg and the sale of the Diocesan Administration Center in Hollidaysburg. In the near future, the Diocesan Pastoral Center will be located in the former Our Lady of Lourdes School Building in Altoona. These actions and the staff restructuring announced today will better position the diocese to serve Catholics throughout the eight county region while operating within its financial means.