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Dear Father/Monsignor,

I wish to provide an update on the Renewal Implementation Plan, "A Promise of New Life...Courage to Renew."

With the completion of the Strategic Planning Process, my acceptance of the Archdiocesan Renewal Plan and the hiring of Mr. Peter Whittle as full-time Coordinator, Mr. Vince Withers has stepped aside as Chair of the Implementation Committee. I would like to thank Vince for his leadership, his service to the Archdiocese, and his commitment to the planning and renewal process. He has been a wonderful volunteer who gave selflessly of his time, talent and treasure to lead the Archdiocese in this process. We would not be where we are in this process without his service and dedication.

I wish to announce the appointment of a new Chair and Co-Chair for the Renewal Plan Implementation Committee as we move into this phase of our journey of renewal. The Chair is Father Francis Puddister and the Co-Chair is Dr. Rick Singleton. Both of these individuals have been involved in the planning process, were members of the original Strategic Planning Committee as well as the Transitional Implementation Committee. Father Cecil Critch, the Vicar General, will serve ex-officio on the Implementation Committee.

We are moving forward with "A Promise of New Life...Courage to Renew." The process of implementation has begun in St. John's East (St. Pius X, Mary Queen of Peace, St. Paul's and St. Francis of Assisi). Discussions will begin shortly with clergy and Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees in the Conception Bay South Zone, as well as the Mt. Pearl –Goulds-Petty Harbour Zone.

Together, may we continue forward in this exciting and challenging process of renewal in the Archdiocese of St. John's. I remain very committed to this very important process and our Renewal Plan. I encourage all of us, together, to provide the leadership in this journey to ensure a successful and sustainable outcome. We pray for the courage and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of our endeavours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Martin W. Currie'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**MOST REVEREND MARTIN W. CURRIE, D.D.**  
Archbishop of St. John's