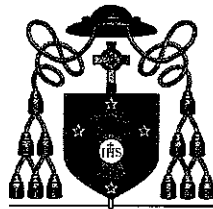

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Friday and Saturday of next week 30 people from around the Diocese will gather in Hamilton to reflect on the future shape and direction of the Diocese. From this we hope to develop a strategic plan that will give us some common pastoral directions for the next five years and to the next fifty years in terms of infrastructure to assist parishes in planning strategically. Can I request that you ask your people to join me in praying that our Strategic Planning Workshop may be guided by the voice of God that all we do may for God's will and the coming of the Kingdom.

Come Holy Spirit

*Fall afresh upon our Diocese of Hamilton
and on those who will pray and reflect together
on the future direction of our Diocese.*

*May they, and all of us, be docile to your presence, Holy Spirit.
May they, and all of us, be attentive to the call of Jesus.
May they, and all of us, seek the coming of the Father's kingdom.
May we advance together on the path of holiness
and be witnesses of faith, hope and love for the life of the world.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
world without end, Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us
St Joseph, pray for us
St Peter Chanel, pray for us.*

Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd

+ *Steve Lowe*

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