

# Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton

## Українська Католицька Едмонтонська Єпархія

January 23, 2009

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Clergy and Sisters,  
Parish Pastoral Councils, and Faithful

**Re: Parish By-law Revision**

As you may recall, on November 14, 2008, I promulgated our eparchial *Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines*, which took effect January 1, 2008.

Again, the *Guidelines* have as their purpose increased unity and uniformity concerning parish life in the Eparchy of Edmonton. They are also an important tool for existing parish pastoral councils to help them better understand their role in relation to their pastor, with whom they collaborate, and with their parish, whom they serve.

At the time of promulgation, I envisioned a one-year period of giving pastors and parishes an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the *Guidelines*. Indeed, several pastors took time during their monthly parish pastoral council meetings to study the Guidelines section by section, for which I am grateful.

Now that the parishes are somewhat familiar with the document, I invite each and every parish and mission throughout the Eparchy to revise their Parish By-law in light of the *Guidelines*. In this regard, see in particular the section entitled Resources: By-laws in general, Sample By-law, and Civil By-law.

I kindly ask that the revised Parish By-law be forwarded to the Chancery for review and approval by May 31, 2009.

May the All-Holy Trinity bless us and guide us in our endeavours.

Sincerely,

Most Rev. David Motiuk  
Eparchial Bishop