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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every two years, our diocese organizes a Diocesan Ministry Day. This year's "Great Diocesan Get-Together" is an opportunity for Catholics from throughout our 16 counties to pray with one another, celebrate our faith and reflect more deeply on what it means to be "One Body: Gathered, Nourished and Sent" — the theme of this year's event. I am very much looking forward to coming together in person after the many long months of the pandemic.

DMD 2021 is set for Saturday, October 23 at St. John's Abbey and University. The day, which will be bilingual, will include Mass and a presentation by Cindy Gonzalez, a graduate of the St. John's School of Theology and Seminary who teaches courses on family ministry through the Emmaus Institute. Other highlights include food, fellowship and a rally at which our Area Catholic Communities will showcase their collective gifts and identities.

Diocesan Ministry Day is a wonderful way to celebrate who we are as a local Church, renew our hope, and reignite our faith as the One Body of Christ. More information about the day and registration information can be found at www.stcdio.org/DMD21. Please don't miss this opportunity. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Donald J. Kettler