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Dear Catholic Men's Ministry of Long Island:

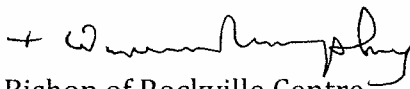
It is with great joy and anticipation that I once again invite all men of the Catholic Church of Long Island to take part in our Diocese's ***Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference*** on Saturday April 24, 2010. As sons of the Father in heaven we have been created to respond to our baptismal call and vocation to bring the Gospel message to all nations – beginning first and foremost at home.

The family is the basic building block of society, and as men we are called to love and lead our families in faith amidst an increasingly secular and hostile culture. This year's conference theme "*As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another*" (Proverbs 27:17) reminds us of the importance that in our common mission we are called to support and strengthen our vocations.

Thank you for your support and participation in the 2010 Catholic Men's Ministry Conference. I look forward to this opportunity to pray with all of you. I hope this experience will renew and strengthen your faith through this powerful encounter with our Lord Jesus.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Bishop of Rockville Centre