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My dear People:

In this issue of the Catholic COURIER-JOURNAL we are devoting most of the space to the publication of the very important document "The Mission of the Church to the Diocese of Rochester."
 It is the product of the diligent efforts of the Pastoral Council Formation Committee.

This paper will be used as a basis for both personal and institutional study throughout the diocese in the coming year. It is a provocative paper; it is positive and spiritual. It offers opportunity for further contributions and refinement.

This document will provide sound material for a painstaking and searching examination of conscience for each of us and for each institution of the diocese. Through it, we hope to discover better ways of being faithful to Jesus' mission in the world today. The basis for our hope is our living faith; that the Holy Spirit will lead us, individually and collectively, to pursue ever more effective means of preaching the Good News.

In the Year of Renewal each parish council and each institution serving the Diocese, having studied the paper, will then forward its recommendations and conclusions to our regional coordinators for the Pastoral Council. In turn, the regional suggestions will be given to me and these will serve as a basis for the synod of all the people to be held in the not too distant future.

Please keep our project in your prayers that the Spirit will enlighten the hearts and minds of all of us.

Devotedly yours in Christ,
 + *Joseph L. Hogan*
 Bishop of Rochester