

April 2, 2008

To: Pastors, Principals, Administrators and Bookkeepers

From: Mary Beth Koenig, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

Annual Budget Assumptions Letter – Addendum

Priest salaries will be changing effective July 1, 2008 as shown below. I inadvertently neglected to add this to the Budget Assumptions Letter. Please note this change in the preparation of your annual budgets. Shown below is an excerpt from a memo sent by Msgr. Mulvey to all priests in the diocese on January 4, 2008:

The Presbyteral Council met on December 6, 2007, and unanimously approved salary increases for all diocesan and religious priests.

Pastors & Associates will receive a salary of \$1,825.00/month or \$21,900/annual. This reflects a 10.5% increase of approximately \$175.00/month.

Religious priests will receive a salary of \$1,425.00/month and the parish or religious community that owns the automobile used in his ministry is to be compensated an additional \$400.00 for related auto expenses.

This increase will be effective July 1, 2008. We are providing early notice of the increase to allow you and your parish to make budgetary plans based on the increase.

Also, see pages B10-12 of the Diocese of Austin's Pastoral Manual which summarizes what expenses are reimbursable for priests and what are not. Please review this information carefully.