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Dear Brothers in Christ,

Over the past few months a group of men have been meeting to organize a Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men (CTFCM). I have given them my support in this effort and want to bring this to your attention because they are all from parishes in our Diocese.

Msgr. Michael Mulvey has agreed to be their chaplain assisting them in their efforts to grow in the faith and spirituality. If you have a chance to identify some men in your parish who would be interested in this gathering of Catholic men, please give them your support and direct them to the CTFCM website at www.ctfcm.com. Or, they may contact Ken Ciani at (512) 917-4977 or ken.ciana@raymondjames.com for more information.

The Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men is also planning its first Diocesan-wide conference. They are looking at a convention that would have a participation of at least 3,000 men from the Diocese. The date for the event is Saturday, March 1, 2008. More information will be provided to you in the future for this event. You are also welcome to attend and I encourage you to participate if possible, especially to assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I hope that this new initiative for men will bear fruit in the Diocese and also in each of your parishes. I look forward to the Fellowship bringing forth more committed Catholic men who can assist you and me in our efforts to bring Christ to others.

Wishing you many blessings in your ministry, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Bishop of Austin