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BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE APOSTOLIC SEE
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON

DECREE

To the Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington:

It is my pleasure to approve and promulgate the *Priest Personnel Policy* for the Archdiocese of Washington. The policy governs ministerial appointments and regulates matters related to priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington.

The policy reflects the efforts to update and integrate existing archdiocesan policies regarding priest personnel and the provisions of canon law in the light of current practice and experience. In a particular way, I am grateful to the archdiocesan staff and especially to the Secretariat for Ministerial Leadership and the special committee of the Priest Council who dedicated much effort to this project.

The *Priest Personnel Policy* becomes effective on June 29, 2010, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. The policy replaces any prior norms and policies of the Archdiocese of Washington that deal with priest personnel, priestly life and ministry issues, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is my hope that this policy will assist all our brother priests of the Archdiocese of Washington so that together we can better serve the people of God in this local Church.

Given this nineteenth day of June, two thousand and ten, the conclusion of the Year for Priests, in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Archbishop of Washington

Chancellor