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*Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole of creation. -Jesus, Mark 16:15*

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28<sup>th</sup> of January 2026

Dear Fellow Diocesans of Northwest Nebraska,

With our beloved Fr. Arul Innaiah relocating to Grand Island for intensive healthcare, our Bishop has expanded my Pastoral ministry to now include the territories of Crawford and Harrison. Thank you to Jill, Jack, Brenda, and numerous others who graciously helped Fr. Arul with his health (Mt.25:40). May the Divine Physician grant Fr. Arul comfort and healing.

Now, just as nuclear families welcome new children with great joy, our Parish families have the opportunity to joyfully embrace each other as siblings in the Lord. Just as nuclear families make provisions for new life, we too will make provisions for the new life of our expanded Parish Family. **So, please make note of the new Mass and Confession schedule printed on the back of this letter.** We will maintain this schedule through Easter, by which point the Parish Advisory Councils will have had time to discuss it. I know these times may not be the most convenient, yet, this is not only the best we can do with the lack of Parishes giving Bishop Priests to assign, it is an opportunity to share in the Cross of Christ.

Jesus pleads, "...take up the Cross daily and follow Me (Lk.9:23)!" Praise God, the sacrifices we make to never miss a weekend Mass are so simple in nature. **With that, please note, no Parish location is closing!** We are simply gaining Parish brothers and sisters. To emphasize our unity as a community of local Churches living out the Faith of the Universal Church, we do have an updated website, featuring a unified title, "High Plains Catholic." The link is printed on the back of this letter.

It is my sincere hope that we will all offer these growing pains as heroic Christians; firstly for the health of Fr. Arul. Then for the courage of young families to foster vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Lastly, for one another. Together we can "Be watchful, standing firm in Faith with courage and strength. Letting all we do be done in love (1Cor.16:13-14)." Together we will change the culture of our beautiful corner of the Diocese, building a faithful home that fosters Vocations and peace.

**We'll offer 'town hall' Q & As: 2/7 after Mass: Crawford; 2/8 after Mass: Harrison; 2/10 after Daily Mass: Chadron.** Be assured of my sincere prayers and commitment to serving as your Spiritual Father.

Pax,

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# *Weekend Confession & Holy Mass Schedule*

## *Starting Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

Saturday Confessions: 4:15 to 4:45pm in CRAWFORD  
Saturday Weekend Holy Mass: 5pm in CRAWFORD

Sunday Confessions: 7am to 7:45am in CHADRON  
Sunday Weekend Holy Mass: 8am in CHADRON

Sunday Confessions: c.10:30am to 11am in HARRISON  
Sunday Weekend Holy Mass: 11:15am in HARRISON

\*Confessions can be heard after Mass if Father cannot make it in time

Sunday Confessions: 3:45pm to 4:45pm in CHADRON  
Sunday Weekend Holy Mass: 5pm in CHADRON

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