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Dear Fathers and Deacons.

## 2023 Diocesan Clergy Study Day

**Theme: “Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish.”**

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis wishes to announce the commencement of our **2023 Diocesan Study Days for Clergy**. This is a special eight-day program loaded with exciting and persuading insights geared towards our ongoing ministry formation growth, enthusiasm, fulfilment and parish renewal. As stated above, this year’s theme is anchored on Fr. James Mallon’s book *DIVINE RENOVATION: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish*. The caption of the book itself speaks of a movement – moving from a maintenance mindset to a church that is fully-alive, a missional parish alive in faith, hope and charity.

### **Date and Time:**

The kick-start date is Wednesday March 8, 2023 in Peace River at 10.00AM and the closing phase is December 5, 2023. The entire program is divided into two: General Presbyteral Group Study (4 slots) and Deanery Presbyteral Study Days (3 slots). For the full eight-day study program, check the next page for detail description from start to finish.

### **Participation:**

The program is for all retired and active clergy in pastoral ministry. Also, participation is equally extended to all pastoral interns, and all religious men and women in the Archdiocese. This initiative is a collective ongoing formation/interaction about parish and school ministry renewal. Please, make this initiative a **priority in your calendar** for this year. We all need a spark in our ministry zeal, and this program is well-organized and geared toward parish renewal across the Archdiocese - keeping the faith alive with the recurring issues and challenges each day.

In a missionary diocese like ours, the books chosen for our study days are practically useful and relevant for today’s parish renewal as attested by many priests and laity in North America and Australia.

### **Resources for the Study Days**

This year’s primary resource is Fr. James Mallon’s

- *Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to Missional Parish* = **Main text**
- *Divine renovation Guidebook: A step by step Manual for Transforming your Parish.* = **Personal Study Guidebook**
- *Divine renovation: Group Reading Guide* = **Group Study for everyone**

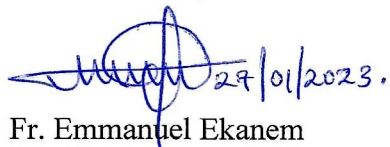
The Study Day package (three books) is sponsored by the Archdiocese. Hopefully, you should receive an A-4 brown envelop with three books in the next few days. Once you receive your package, add it to your reading list and get to know more about the Divine Renovation Movement in general. If you have not received your package by January 31, feel free to reach out to myself or the Vicar-General at the chancery office.

In General, the study package is an enjoyable relaxing-easy to read text and it is personally enriching and inspiring with practical insights i.e., ministry motivations, suggestions and guides for bringing our parishes to life.

For now, let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with divine wisdom as we commence the 2023 Clergy Study Days on March 8, 2023. Please, take time to prayerfully read the main text, and watch out for further details for the kick-off program and the subsequent study days.

Special prayers and blessings to you and your ministry.

Peace be with you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel Ekanem', followed by the date '29/01/2023'.

Fr. Emmanuel Ekanem

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