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**A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM
The Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa
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Earlier this year, after extensive consultation and prayer, I arrived at a decision that the Diocese of Fresno would seek the services of a brokerage firm to help us identify a potential buyer for our non-commercial broadcast license for our diocesan television station, KNXT. The decision was very difficult following the recent celebration of the station's 30th anniversary as the only full power 24/7 Catholic TV station in the nation. However, we knew the diocese could not continue to financially sustain the 1.2 million dollar budget when there are so many other areas of ministry that need to be supported, as well.

When the CatholicTV Network, which serves throughout our country under the auspice of the Archdiocese of Boston, became aware of our situation they reached out to us to see how they could assist. They visited us in early April and an ongoing dialogue was opened up.

In collaboration with my established Transitional Team and our College of Consultors a brighter horizon began to materialize as we explored new possibilities that could allow us to retain our broadcast license, decrease our expenses, increase our financial support, upgrade the quality of our technology and develop the content of our programs to more effectively support our primary mission of evangelization.

Downsizing our staff was the first step in decreasing cost. This was a very difficult process, as the employees that were released are gifted and appreciated members of our Pastoral Center family. I cannot fully express my gratitude for the dedication and loyalty of our coworkers at KNXT and the cooperation they have shown in this difficult transition.

As we move forward, this has also become a joyful time of great anticipation, as we cross the threshold into a season of change which, I believe will lead us into a renewed and exciting ministry committed to proclaiming the Gospel locally and nationwide.

As we move forward, there will be several changes to our programming and schedule taking place throughout the summer months, beginning this week. This is only the beginning and just a small part of the new KNXT you will witness over the next 6 months! KNXT will have a more robust change with an official re-launch of the station during the first week October which will have more KNXT programming including locally produced Spanish Mass and rosaries on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Portuguese Daily Mass and rosaries on Tuesday and Thursdays.

I thank you for your patience during this transitional time. I invite you to tune in often to see the benefits of our developing partnership with the CatholicTV Network. We will benefit by broadcasting an increased number of their excellent programs; and the nation will benefit from our local contribution of multilingual / multicultural programs.

As we continue to live through this challenging time in our nation and in our world where we are constantly overwhelmed with bad news, it is crucial that the Joy of the Gospel has a platform. May God continue to guide us and bless us in this new endeavor. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry as we move forward with you. May God bless you abundantly.