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Dear Father:

October attendance counts are an important source of information for planning in regard to the priority issues of evangelization, ministerial leadership and especially as groupings discern and plan through Renew My Church. Also important to understand are the Catechetical Ministry needs of a parish. **This year, along with the October Count, we would again like to collect enrollment in Religious Education programs as of October 1.** Collecting this information at the beginning of year will be helpful to those who minister and plan in Catechetical Ministry.

Please give the Religious Education enrollment form to your parish's Catechetical Leader to complete. It can be sent back to the Strategic Planning Office any time before November 4th. Earlier submissions are encouraged.

I am grateful for your past cooperation to take up the October Count in your parish and appreciate your help in our efforts to collect Religious Education enrollment at the beginning of the year. For the four full October weekends of 2019, this year beginning October 5, every parish and institution having weekend Mass for the faithful is asked to do an actual count of the number of people (both children and adults) attending those Masses. Please complete and return the form, on time, to the Office of Strategic Planning & Implementation by November 4, 2019.

Please contact Stephanie Hari, (312) 534-5331, if you have any difficulty using either of the forms. The response may be mailed, faxed or emailed. **You may return the form via mail to Strategic Planning & Implementation, 835 N. Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611-2030, fax to (312) 534-8766, or by e-mail to shari@archchicago.org.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald A. Hicks".

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
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