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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please, join me to welcome people of Lemon Creek Correctional Center to be part of the Northern Missions pastoral visits. Once again, I was asked by our Bishop Edward Burns to be willing to pastorally visit the imprisoned. I agreed with him about it, since the imprisoned, the sick, the stranger, the poor, the hungry are people who need our pastoral care the most.

This is the reason why you see in my schedule that I will be there on Sunday August 1. I believe some of you had been in that facility before, they may relate to what I am talking about. For me, it a place where people need more prayers. Myself as well, even though I have to offer them more support, need prayers to always see in them the love of God.

Another community that I am planning to visit for first time is Excursion Inlet. It was scheduled to be visited on July 11, but all the seasonal workers were busy that Sunday.

So they figured out that another possibility to visit them would be on Thursday July 22 in the late afternoon. I have been in Gustavus and Hoonah many times and they are both closer to Excursion Inlet.

You are all invited to check my traveling schedule and read this newsletter on the website: www.dioceseofjuneau.org and click on the link "On Mission."

May God bless you all!

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Celebrations in Various Communities in the month of May

Yakutat : The community has been happy having Fr Carl Hawver from June 17 – July 30. Let us thank him for his time and pastoral services offered to the people of Yakutat.

Gustavus June 5-6: The visit in Gustavus was a wonderful one. The host family was the Healey's (Jim & Denise Healey). What great hosts! Their home also was the place where we gathered for the celebration of Mass. And a brunch followed afterwards.

Pelican June 15 & July 17-18: The community has had two visits. On Tuesday June 15, I had a round trip on the ferry, which allowed me to have two hours layover. I got enough time to say Mass in the City hall and to visit with people. On July 17-18, a wonderful weekend. I was hosted by Viktor & Karen Stepnanko, who took me to Elfin Cove on Sunday afternoon to visit Shirley Perkins whose lodge was burn by the fire.

Kake June 19-20: This weekend was marvelous. On Saturday, the community organized a type of Fish Derby for Children. It was fun on a beautiful sunny day. On Sunday, we had Mass at the Acevedah's.

Hoonah June 25-27: It was one of my regular visits to the people of Hoonah. Mass was held at 11:00 AM and I took the ferry back to Juneau at 7:15 AM. Fr Ken Hannon, OMI has offered to visit Hoonah on Sunday August 1. May the Lord bless him!

Tenakee Springs July 2-4: What a great visit to people in Tenakee Springs during a great time of the year, the 4th of July! Many family and friends came to Tenakee Springs. Even our Chapel was packed with people.

***Please, find below my schedule of Visits** for the last part of July and Month of August! Please, feel free to contact me if you have any concern on both email and phone as listed below!

My schedule for Missions Visits last part of July through August 2010:

*Excursion Inlet July 22.

*Lemon Creek Correctional Center August 1; Kake August 7-8; Yakutat 14-16.

*Gustavus August 22; Excursion Inlet August 29.