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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This summer had a big blessing for the Northern Missions having had Father Carl Hawver who covered St. Ann's in Yakutat for six weeks during June and July. Father Ken Hannon, OMI, visited St. Francis Chapel in Tenakee Springs one weekend in August. He hoped to go to Hoonah as well but the weather did not allow it. This gave me a little break from covering all those places myself and helped me take a little time to refresh myself by spending most of weekdays in Juneau and traveling on weekends only.

Beginning in September, I am planning to stay longer in each place than just weekends. The reason for this is to have more time with you in your community so that we can know each other well and get involved in different events. Of course, this will mean that, where there is no Church building or apartment, I will have to count on your willing hospitality by welcoming me into your homes from three to sixth days according to your availability.

The Northern Missions are such a wonderful ministry for me to travel all over Southeast Alaska, in small and large towns, meeting different families and groups of people. Staying in people's homes and the involvement in their lives are the exciting part of this ministry.

You are all encouraged to check my travel schedule on the website: [www.dioceseofjuneau.org](http://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 August**

**Excursion Inlet:** It was my first time to visit such a vibrant seasonal workers' community of Excursion Inlet on Thursday July 22. Mass was held in the Beauty Ocean Company dining room at 7:00 pm. A group of about two hundred people attended Mass that evening. They truly showed their appreciation of having the Eucharist celebrated after a long time.

**Lemon Creek Correctional Center:** As one of my Missions Outreach, special time was made on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> for me to join Pastor Brian Ewing at Lemon Creek Correctional Center to have Bible Study with male and female inmates. It went well.

**Kake August 7-8:** What a wonderful ride on the ferry Taku from Juneau to Kake. I left Friday August 6th via Sitka and arrived in Kake on Saturday August 7th. Mass was held at 7 pm at the home of the Aceveda family.

**Yakutat:** I planned to visit on August 14-16 but I needed to be at St Paul's in Juneau that weekend. See below for my scheduled trip to Yakutat in September.

**Gustavus August 21-22:** Such a wonderful community of people! Mass was held at Bear Track Lodge. May God bless Jeane Sheahan who offered the place!

#### **Hoonah:**

Thanks to Fr Ken Hannon, OMI from San Antonio, TX, who offered to visit Hoonah on Sunday August 1st but unfortunately he could not go due to the weather. He promised to visit next summer when he comes. May the Lord bless him!

**I am looking forward to visiting the community of Hoonah August 27-29.** Please, feel free to contact me if you have any concerns by both email and phone

### **My schedule for Missions Visits last weekend of August & September 2010:**

\*Hoonah August 27-29.

\*Lemon Creek Correctional Center September 05;

\* Yakutat September 8-12; Gustavus September 13-15;

\*St Paul's September 18-19; Tenakee Springs September 24-26.

\*Angoon (End of September?)