

THE HARVEST -- The Publication of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

Statement of Purpose

1. *The Harvest* is the primary means by which the bishop communicates in an **official** way to the entire diocese; it serves as the channel for publishing diocesan documents and for promulgating policies as is customary or required by canon law.
2. *The Harvest* is a primary means by which the bishop communicates in a **pastoral** way to the entire diocese; it serves as an instructional tool in presenting current teachings of the universal Church as applied to life in eastern Montana.
3. *The Harvest* calls the Diocese to participation and unity, and serves as a chronicle of events and celebrations, both past and present, which reflects the lives of all the people and of our practical response to live and share the Good News of Jesus.
4. *The Harvest* serves as a window into the everyday lives of people involved in ministry, and people who benefit from this ministry day by day in eastern Montana.
5. *The Harvest* serves as a window into the life of the larger Church. Each issue carries national and world news from the National Catholic News Service.
6. *The Harvest* provides statistical information and diocesan financial reports, and in this area strives to promote values of good financial stewardship among the households of the diocese.

Editorial Policy

1. The Statement of Purpose serves as a guide regarding the editorial policy.
2. *The Harvest* is issued monthly. Deadlines are approximately the 7th of the previous month.
3. Submissions which arrive after the published deadline are liable to rejection. They may be published in a subsequent issue depending on space and timeliness considerations.
4. Photographs submitted will be utilized in accord with space available and quality of print. Photos will be returned only if SASE is provided.
5. Advertising rates are available on the diocesan website.
6. The Editor of *The Harvest* retains the right to edit submissions for length and content, and to make corrections of typographical, technical, stylistic, grammatical and spelling errors.
7. Although letters to the editor are not published, they are welcome as a source for ideas.