



WEEKLY MEMO from BMW

Date: September 19, 2014
From: Bishop Michael W. Warfel
To: Clergy, Religious, Lay Ecclesial Ministers

With a lot of travel, not to mention a lot of meetings, it's been difficult to get out a memo for a number of weeks.

I'll be off to Chicago for Catholic Extension Society meeting for bishops from Home Mission dioceses. Given the funding we receive from them, it's important to be closely connected and supportive of all that they do for us.

The following week I'll be heading off to Italy for a week and half. There will be 36 of us on the pilgrimage trip to Venice, Padua, Assisi and Rome.

My residence is now officially up for sale. I filled out the paper work with the realtor this week and it will be listed as of this Saturday. It'll probably be a good time to get rid of that extra stuff that seems to unknowingly to pile up. The plan first of all is to sell the house and then begin looking in earnest for something more modest after we receive the funds from the sale of the house. In the interim, I will likely move temporarily into one of the rectories in Great Falls.

Looking ahead, I noticed today that All Saints Day is on a Saturday this year. As such, adjacent to Sunday (All Soul's Day), the holy day of obligation is not binding this year. Also, given that All Soul's Day is Sunday, I'll be celebrating Mass for deceased bishops, priests, deacons, sisters and brothers of the Diocese on that day.

I continue to schedule myself for parish visits which are then followed by Darren facilitating Listening Sessions. This coming weekend, September 21st, I'll be at Big Sandy, Box Elder and Rocky Boy for Masses. The following weekend, September 27th and 28th, I'll be in Havre and Chinook. St. Gabriel's in Chinook will be celebrating their feast day on that Sunday. Looking ahead a bit more, St. Mathias in Ryegate, will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 12th.