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TO: All Clergy of the Diocese

FROM: Fr. Douglas P. Johnson +  
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SUBJ: Bishop & Mrs. Howe's Retirement Gift & Retirement Event

DATE: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

As you all know, it has been our custom in this diocese to remember in some dramatic way the life and ministry of our retiring bishops. Our committee has been mindful of this and have sought and received input from both Bishop Howe and Mary as to how this might take place.

It is their heartfelt desire that a special fund be set up in the diocese for gifts to be received which would specifically be designated for the orphanage/daycare project to be funded in the Diocese of Botswana. This project was officially kicked off at the Cathedral on June 20<sup>th</sup> with brochures being distributed to each congregation. Additionally, members of the companion diocesan committee are making themselves available to you to come and make presentations to your Vestry or to other groups in your congregation you may deem appropriate.

If you so choose, it is possible that gifts already received for this project may be designated by you as a part of the Bishop and Mrs. Howe Fund for Botswana. Please share this information with your congregation as we encourage your support and participation.

Additionally, mark your calendars. On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 we will be having a special retirement event for the Howe's. This will be a solemn evensong at the Cathedral followed by a reception in Founder's Hall. Exact time and further details of this event will be announced at a later date but count on the fact that it will be at a time when all in the diocese will have ample time for travel.

Please join us in each of these endeavors as we seek to honor the last twelve years of faithful ministry among us by both +Barry and Mary.