In keeping with the Pope's emphasis that Baptism makes us all ***Missionary* Disciples ,** Archbishop Smith launched a 5 year Pastoral plan for the Archdiocese with the release of his pastoral letter, **"*Living in the Word of God*"**. In the introduction he writes, *"So, let us ask: 'What does it mean to follow Jesus?' In fact, that question can be answered rather simply. It is a matter of* ***listening*** *and* ***doing.*** *An authentic disciple of Jesus Christ is one who first* ***listen****s to his Word and then puts it into* ***practice****".* As a way of sharing, and receiving feedback regarding the 5 year Pastoral Plan, Reverend Archbishop Richard Smith is visiting parishes throughout the Archdiocese, as he did in joining us for Hospitality on June 17th. He emphasized the need for ***daily scripture*** to **"Hear the Word of God"** and ***worship, witness and service*** to **"Do the Word of God".**

If you have not yet done so you are encouraged to read the Archbishop's Letter - ***maybe add it to your Summer Reading List!*** There are hard copies available in the foyer or, you can find it on the Archdiocese's website: **caedm.ca/letter**  along with links to a multitude of other digital sources for scripture readings and reflections. To best communicate in this technological age the Archdiocese has revamped their Communications Department, eliminating the Western Catholic Reporter and investing in Digital Communications. Although some Social Media does carry the risk of a "dark side" and "untruths" , the Archbishop supports the approach to use it and "Sanctify the space". So, we encourage everyone to accept the Archbishop's invitation to go online to Hear the Word of God: Archdiocese's website, Grandin Media, Quid Novum, et al.....and then "Spread the Word" - the Gospel Message- by "SHARING" stories, articles, and information that carries the truth of the Gospel message with Friends on Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter. As Missionary Disciples, let's "move forward in response to the call of our Holy Father to conversion by hearing and doing God's Word" (p 18 Living in the Word) Here is timeline for the 5 year Pastoral Initiative: ( We are nearing the end of Year 1) Years 1 & 2 - Hearing the Word of God Years 3 - 5: DO the Word of God, Year 3-Worship Year 4-Witness Year 5 Service.

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