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Dear Father/Administrator,

Since 1971, collecting Status Animarum information for parishes has been an important part of the fiscal reporting process. Having accurate parish data is critical for planning, in particular as groupings discern and plan through *Renew My Church*.

During the facilitated discernment and planning process, the archdiocese will provide each grouping with a standard set of information for all parishes in the grouping. This information comes from the Status Animarum, October Count, annual financial report, annual religious education survey, and annual Oct. 1 schools' survey. Therefore, it is important that the data your parish submits in the Status Animarum is accurate. Accurate data is a critical input to allow the grouping to most effectively focus its planning.

This year's deadline is **Friday, August 18**. Please use this link: <http://rpforms.archchicago.org> to take you to the page where you can enter your parish's population and sacramental data for the fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). Please carefully review your parish's information prior to submitting. You will receive a confirmation email from [strategicplanning@archchicago.org](mailto:strategicplanning@archchicago.org) after submitting your parish's data. Please verify that your parish's submission was accurate and contact Stephanie Hari at 312-534-5331 or [shari@archchicago.org](mailto:shari@archchicago.org) if any corrections are required.

You may also forward this email to the person responsible for the Status Animarum submission. You can also access this link from the Parish Operations page where you find the Annual Report documents.

If you have any questions or problems with the Status Animarum form, please contact Stephanie Hari at 312-534-5331 or [shari@archchicago.org](mailto:shari@archchicago.org).

Thank you for all you do to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Ron Hicks".

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