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Many of you visited the Caring Bridge site to read updates on the Bishop,s progress before and after his transplant surgery. Many also „signed% the „GUESTBOOK%, sending messages to him, reading other messages, and responding to messages.

The Diocese has instituted a similar „E-GUESTBOOK% we are calling „Information Exchange% that is up and running and ready for activity.

It is our hope that this will be a place to post changes and updates, news blurbs, and other things relevant to the ministry in the diocese.

We also hope that it will be a place for members and friends of the diocese to ask questions, and to share news and ideas and conversation about issues of interest to the Church in South Dakota.

Open the Diocesan website: [www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org) and click on the „Information Exchange% box. A direct URL is <http://www.websitetoolbox.com/tool/gb/diocesesd>

A shortcut to this site can be added to your desktop.

This site differs from the Message Board page of the website, as you can respond to messages in the Information Exchange, as well as generate questions or conversations.

The site is monitored, so let's keep it clean, civil, relevant, and fairly brief. This is not the place to have political conversations, advertise merchandise (unless it is church-related), share jokes or recipes, or forward articles or other forwarded material (no matter how uplifting or cute or funny). Posting a reference site or URL and a recommendation should be sufficient. Remember, 100,s will see your comments.

The site is intended to increase good communication around the diocese, and we,re anxious to see how it grows and develops. So please use it, and spread the word about it. Suggestions are welcome to improve it.

A long-term goal will be to use the website and vehicles such as this to decrease diocesan mailings and decrease production of the printed *ChurchNews* while increasing communication and the availability and access to news, registrations, policies, reports, forms, and all other information necessary for the smooth running of this great Church.