

# **An open letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and to the Clergy and Laity of the Illinois Diocese of Belleville.**

I respectfully request that you remove as the Bishop of Belleville Bishop Edward Braxton. He is a highly intelligent Bishop that has little or no pastoral skills. He should not be moved to another diocese but should function in an administrative or educational role within the Catholic Church.

Both Chicago Cardinal George and your United States Papal Nuncio Archbishop Pietro Sambini know well the story and background of Bishop Braxton's problems in the Diocese of Belleville.

My personal thanks for your prayerful consideration.

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