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Linda Normandin, President
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Dear Ms. Normandin,

I am in receipt of your letter with enclosure of The Jurist article referencing issues of your and our concern.

Please realize that we are both in receipt of the letter from Cardinal Stella stating the fact that the only canonical procedure had to do with alienation. Specifically, there has not been, as His Eminence Cardinal Stella states clearly, any process initiated or sought for relegation to profane but not sordid use. It was, in fact, on this account that your appeal was denied.

While I understand your desire to save the St. Joseph Church edifice, I must ask you to understand as well, my desire to approach this matter methodically, carefully and to the best outcome possible.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

cc: Reverend Marc B. Drouin