

June 6, 2007

His Eminence Claudio Hummes, OFM, Cardinal, Prefect  
Congregation for the Clergy  
Palazzo Dello Congregazioni  
Piazza Pio XII 3  
00193 Rome (Roma), Italy

Re: Suspension of administrative action (c.1734.1) and decree (c.1736.1)  
St. Mary's Church – Jamesville, NY, USA

Dear Cardinal Hummes:

The parishioners, members of the pastoral and financial councils of St. Mary's, Jamesville, NY, USA have filed an administrative recourse action, calling for the revocation of the administrative action by the bishop to close the parish and move all the stable patrimony [assets and money's from the sale of the property and the church building] to Holy Cross parish in DeWitt, NY. (Enclosed please find 5-26-07 Administrative Recourse Letter.)

An appeal to the bishop shall be understood as also petitioning for the suspension of administrative action which has occasioned the dispute, (canon 1734.1), and automatically suspends the execution of the administrative decree, (canon 1736.1) until a definitive decision is passed by the Vatican.

Canon law, as the bishop knows, says that the closing of St. Mary's, Jamesville, slated for July 1, 2007 is now suspended until the administrative recourse action is finalized in Rome.

The bishop needs to inform the pastor of Holy Cross parish in DeWitt that canon law prohibits the sale of any property that belongs to St. Mary's, Jamesville , NY, until the administrative recourse action is finalized in Rome. Enclosed, please find 5-24-07 letter from Msgr. Yeazel, that states, "We would indeed like to proceed with ideas for transferring the building to the Town as soon as possible."

Weekend Masses at the St. Mary's church building must be provided for the parishioners both Saturday evening and Sunday morning until the administrative recourse action is finalized in Rome.

Sincerely in Christ,

St. Mary's Pastoral and Financial Council Members and Parishioners signatures can be found on page 10 of Canonical Appeal (Attached).

St. Mary's Pastoral, Financial and Parishioners signatures (86) can also be found in exhibit 4 of our 5-26-07 Administrative Recourse letter.)

Cc: Bishop Moynihan  
Archbishop Sambi