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The Rev. James P. Lang
Vicar of Parishes
Diocese of Syracuse
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Dear Fr. Lang:

I appreciate your indication in your letter of June 30, 2007, that no action related to the future of the church buildings will be taken until the recourse is concluded in Rome. While my clients would earnestly request that the Bishop have masses at the church and believe that that is consistent with Canon Law pending the recourse, we understand the Diocesan position that you will not do so. We appreciate your written assurance in your letter to the effect that the church and related property will not be sold pending recourse with Rome.

As to the keys, I, indeed, did say that I fully understand the desire of the Diocese to change the locks periodically because of the problem of loose key holders. As you yourself know, my people at the parish are very responsible and would look forward to receiving the most recent key. If you would like a list of those persons to whom keys will be given, we will be more than happy to furnish that to you. It is in my clients' interests also to see that the buildings are secure and safe, and they certainly do not want a lot of loose keys floating around the community. May we receive keys to the building?

As to the St. Vilnius situation, it is indeed different. My clients here are quite responsible and are handling this in a dignified and non-litigation manner, and will continue to do so.

I called Doreen Simmons on this and am looking forward to hearing from her.

Very truly yours,


RAYMOND J. DAGUE

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cc: The parishioners of St. Mary's in Jamesville