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Prot. assignandum

(Saint Pius X Parish in Baltimore, MD)

Recursum

ex Procuratore Paroecianorum exhibitum

Instantes: Christifideles Paroeciae Sancti Pii X, qui adligata mandata signaverunt

Las Vegas, November 18, 2024

Excellentissime Praefecte et Reverendissimi Officiales,

On September 25, 2024, the Most Reverend William E. Lori, S.T.D., Archbishop of Baltimore, Maryland, USA, published a *decree* merging the **St. Pius X Parish** in Baltimore with the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish, effective December 1, 2024. Within the canonically permissible deadline, we presented to him the mandates given to us by the parishioners, along with our objections against his decision, expressed both in a *'remonstratio'* and during a video-online meeting with the Chancellor and Msgr. Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Auxiliary Bishop and multiple parishioners of Saint Pius X Parish.

On November 4, 2024, Archbishop Lori issued a rejection to our request and confirmed his decree. While we very much appreciated the kind and thoughtful content of his letter, as well as his demonstrated openness in allowing the above-mentioned online meeting, we still believe that the parishioners' *remonstratio* and proposal are the best option for St. Pius X Parish because it is not simply based on their 'desiderata' but is supported by the facts demonstrated with a complete series of documents which we have attached hereto.

Before resuming the respective arguments herein, we will revisit some sad considerations about the current – seemingly relentless and never recoverable – Church's retreat. We addressed these same considerations to His Excellency, Archbishop William E. Lori, in his role as Pastor of the Baltimore Archdiocese and as a sign of unity in his particular portion of the Catholic Church entrusted to him by the Holy See.

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As a matter of fact, in our roles as canonists we have witnessed and remain concerned about the drastic closure (usually presented as a 'glorious renewal' instead of, as more accurately a 'rabbit hole') of hundreds of Parishes throughout the United States, usually those on the periphery, despite the Holy Father's stated attention for the 'peripheries' and his repeated references to a 'missionary option', that is "a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that

the Church's customs, ways of doing things, time and schedules, languages and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."

In further reference to that Pontifical document, we read: "The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself."

How can this practice of eliminating Parish communities be "mission-oriented," "inclusive," or "elicit a positive response"?

The reasons presented to us in response are usually the same: the decrease in the number of the parishioners and the increase in their average age, not considering that such closures are more painful for the older community, that they have fewer possibilities to move to another church, and – this is very important even if usually neglected – that it is in the peripheries and by the senior citizens that the Faith is normally most safeguarded and conveyed to the younger generations.

Of course, we do not ignore that the bishops are not only pastors, but also administrators, and we do not doubt their best intentions, but our professional experience teaches that even if such *decrees* do not immediately entail a church closure, their effects will not be dissimilar and will even be effectively worse than a church closure. The inactivity of a church is always the first step to its reduction to profane use: the previous merger is just a legally easier (even if a bit longer) way to obtain the same result. As a matter of fact, we detect, from the Archbishop's words, his intention to sell the whole lot containing the St. Pius X church, together with the (already closed) parish school.

As for the St. Pius X Parishioners, it is not difficult to preview (even referring to internal discussions conducted by Lay Ministry Leaders after the merger and closing was announced) that a few of them will adapt themselves to the new parish. Many Parishioners will attend

¹ Joy of the Gospel, #27

² Ibidem

churches other than the Cathedral. Other Parishioners, finally, may simply leave the Church altogether because of their disappointment and feelings of being overlooked, under-respected, and of having their perspectives ignored when compared with those members of the Archdiocese who *retained* their different parishes.³

Of course, the above is not an accusatory finger pointed at His Excellency: we already said that we understand his reasons and that the Archbishop demonstrated his kindness and care in answering our requests; however, we cannot ignore our professional experience in many similar cases.

The consulting processes, prior to such decisions, are always managed by Parish Priests who are very careful to not disappoint their (arch)Bishop and/or are too busy with their multiple Archdiocesan ministerial tasks (as occurred in this case) to take care of the Parishioners' needs outside the simple celebration of the sacraments.

Operations of merging parishes are always finalized to cut fees and expenses and not to increase participation, so the closed churches — having lost their communities — will simply be kept open for some time to ensure they do not raise people's animosity, only to be

³ Let us read the following statement of Victoria Somogyi, Director of the documentary "Foreclosing on Faith" (Hungary, 2017): "Community building forces are important to protect in today's fragile world. When more and more people are getting lonely and isolated, local communities offer a safe-haven and comfort for many people. One example of community building forces is churches. For ethnic communities in the process of settling down in the United States, these centers have played an essential role in history. But over past decades, a very destructive and accelerating process has been taking place in the Catholic Church: the closing of these important places—the parishes. With Jeff Mac Intyre, I set out on this journey in 2014 to uncover the reasons behind this disturbing phenomenon and share my findings in a documentary. As a Hungarian journalist, I have spent a month every year in USA since 2006 visiting Hungarian communities, making interviews, trying to understand how these communities live, how they conserve their homeland's historical and cultural heritage and identity, their ties to it, and what role faith plays in it. Destroying a home—a spiritual one in the case of these faith communities—causes an enormous shock, inflicting a huge and inestimable crisis on people at many levels, which cannot be underestimated when such decisions are made by the responsible. I wanted to analyze how communities react to these shock waves, and what strategies they apply in response. What interested me most was what those factors are that enable an individual or, in this case a small, seemingly powerless community to come up with a winning strategy to bring them out of a desperate and an extremely disadvantageous, if not life-threatening, situation. I talk about Catholic communities only because I know them best. We can substitute them with any other religious or non-religious communities. The focus is not on a particular religion but on strategies and survival techniques for small communities. Following my mother's advice, "If you can't build, don't destroy", my intention was to give a 360-degree picture of the players involved in such situations. If they chose not to take part, that was their decision; opportunity was given to everyone. With this documentary, my intention was to open and facilitate a dialogue between the parties to arrive at a win-win decision. Returning from a shoot, on a Sunday, on the highway between Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio, we stopped for lunch at a Mexican restaurant. A complete stranger of Hispanic origin, whom we opened the door for, letting him in before us, paid our check and left a note saying: "Pass it on." Apart from showing the plight, the suffering of these faith-based groups, my goal is also to pass on to the viewer the generosity and the immense richness of these small, endangered communities and to pass on hope to these afflicted groups." Cf. foreclosingonfaith.org

later closed and sold based on new data demonstrating that a non-functioning church does not generate income, but only costs. This will unfortunately be the inevitable future result if the intent of the impugned *decree* is allowed to be implemented.

We read in the Archbishop's communication that "the church building will still be available for certain sacramental services, such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. As you are already aware, I have already granted the request that Sunday Masses continue at St. Pius X church through the end of December 2024." It is important to recall a basic fact: without the celebration of regular Sunday Masses, a church building is effectively dead in terms of being a worship space.

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Let us highlight some elements to be considered in the administrative decision of this matter:

- 1. The first concern arises from a strong juridical value and pertains to the **preservation** of the community. This is a very important point, never ignored in Vatican jurisprudence. We all know that the People of God are similar all over the world, but we also know as strongly recalled by the Synod that such People are comprised of many smaller Christian Communities, not always interchangeable. Moving people from one church to another like postal packages is not a good solution for financial problems. The risk is to aggravate such problems because closing a church inevitably means losing parishioners who will abandon the Church because they feel abandoned by their Bishop.
- 2. Additionally, the planned reduction **creates or aggravates divisions** in the Archdiocesan Community and stokes unhealthy rivalries between different church communities: many of the former Parishioners of St. Pius X will become accustomed to the new assignment. However, this will mean joining a different community that, in their eyes, will appear as speciously privileged. Thus, it is concretely harmful to the life of faith of the members of the Community.
- 3. The last, but not least, important point we note is that keeping unused buildings does not cut costs but **increases them for the new Parish**. The merger destroys the St.

Pius X community and will also create a drain on the financial resources of the new merged parish. In a few years, the new, merged parish will seek to solve its financial problems with the final closure and sale of the church property as it is turned over to profane use. All these "visions" of a "fully alive and evangelizing Church"⁴ are sadly, and practically, just a sugarcoating of the Church's effective retreat in pastoral ministry, evangelization and serving the wider community for acts consistent with the Gospel imperative from Matthew 25:35-45: starting at the end of the current year, the St. Pius X building will no longer host the Sunday Mass and will be gradually dismissed. Later, it will be sold (school and church together) to the best suitor after the former Parishioners have become accustomed to the new assignment.

- 4. The care for souls is to be the driving force behind any decision, even the one to extinguish a parish, and the decision should include more than debatable demographic forecasts and financial resources: it should be based on what is in the best interest of the souls to whom the Church ministers. This is exactly what the jurisprudence of the Apostolic Signatura teaches, and we are sure that this is exactly what the Archbishop is searching for. However, we believe that he is searching for this through the wrong method.
- 5. A parish is a vital part of a person's religious life and formation: it is the place where the individual believer encounters the Church and her saving mission. "It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love." It is usually near and at least ideally connected to the place where the Parishioners' dearly departed are buried. Forcing a change of Parish always means forcing a painful cut.

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⁴ Letter to Parish of September 28, 2024

⁵ Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2179

Now, we will continue with a more specific analysis of the respective reasons: in the *decree*, the Archbishop illustrates the "extensive process of listening, visioning and discernment" which began in September 2022, and having as its effect – as usual – the suppression of many parishes. This is what he said to justify his decision:

- The number of Catholic households in the parish have declined from 1270 in 2000 to 872 in 2023;
- The number of parishioners attending Mass has declined from 1089 in 2004 to 193 in 2023;
- The number of persons receiving sacraments has declined from 42 baptisms in 2014 to 22 baptisms in 2023;
- The number of Confirmations has decreased from 32 in 2014 to 12 in 2023;
- The parish has experienced an operating deficit for 13 of the last 20 years despite sharing expenses for a pastor and staff with St. Mary of the Assumption parish since 2016;
- The last of the parish operating funds will be exhausted as of October 31, 2024;
- The parish is experiencing an increase in both costs of facilities and unpaid bills, indicating an inability to cover all expenses;
- The parish needs all of their current offertory to meet the costs of the building operations and to provide for the annual recommended facilities reserve, so there are no funds available for ministry;
- There are 4 other parish churches within 2 miles of this parish;
- The parish is 2 miles (1.8 kilometers) from the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen parish; and
- The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish has sufficient space to accommodate the parishioners and ministries of St. Pius X parish.
 - In his reply to the *remonstratio*, the Archbishop added:
- The vast majority of Catholics who live within the territory of St. Pius X parish have found their parish home at other parishes.
- The closure of the school was certainly a sign of continuing decline for St. Pius parish. Any funds obtained from the sale of parish owned property belongs to the parish, not the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the latter entity being under the authority of the federal bankruptcy courts.

⁶ This is a mistaken conversion from miles to kilometers since two (2) miles equals 3.2 kilometers.

• The St. Pius X school and the parish church are currently located on a single parcel of land and would need to be subdivided into two parcels in order to sell the school separately, In Baltimore County, where the parish is located, it takes at least 18 months to subdivide a parcel of this type given all that is required to accomplish this change. The proposal by the parishioners is that funds generated from the sale of this asset would be used to finance the daily operations of the parish since it currently lacks any funds to do so as of October 31, 2024. Thus, the proposal to allow the parish to continue as a standalone parish could not even begin for at least that length of time, thus incurring even more debt."

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We listened to the Parishioners, and the following points explicitly provide their answers based – as we already noted – upon concrete personal commitment and recently updated documents:

- I. Although the Decree of September 25, 2024, focuses on the numeric analysis of attendance and operating funds over the past twenty (20) years, the conclusory summary of the 20 years does not paint an accurate portrait of the parish. In fact, in 2009, the parish raised \$2.3 million to modernize its sanctuary, move the altar to be closer to the congregation, and centered the celebration of the Eucharist in the sanctuary. The ability to raise these funds and modernize the church building concretely demonstrates the lively and joyful spirit of the parish.
- II. There have been multiple external circumstances for declining attendance in recent years over which parishioners had no control and which can be reversed. First, the 2016 creation of a pastorate between St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Pius X was unsuccessful. St. Mary of the Assumption is a parish in a predominantly non-Catholic area of Baltimore City. The St. Mary of the Assumption had money for operating expenses from a generous endowment, but it had no faith formation for children because the parish effectively had no children. The Pastorate had a negative impact on St. Pius X. Between 2004 and 2016, Sunday Mass attendance at St. Pius X averaged 644 persons and had an average offertory collection of US\$11,715, weekly. Since 2017, (when the Pastorate was created) and June of this year, the average weekly Mass

attendance at St. Pius X was 297 persons, and the offertory average was US\$7,528, weekly. Second, in 2017 and 2019, pastors ended two (2) popular weekend Masses, causing a reduction in attendance: the Saturday afternoon 4:30 p.m. Mass and the Sunday afternoon 5 p.m. Mass. By 2019, St. Pius X Church had no Saturday afternoon vigil Mass and only 2 Sunday Masses (down from 6 (six) total in 2004) and provided Confession only once a month on Friday mornings. Finally, Mass attendance was affected by the COVID Pandemic from 2020 through 2021, during which churches of all denominations lost attendance.

- III. The Parish has evangelization potential, a vibrant sacramental life, and brilliant social and environmental ministries already in place that can easily be magnified if the Parishioners are assured that their parish will not be closed but sustained and allowed to prove itself in growth and self-sufficiency.
- IV. The St. Pius X Parish debts can easily be paid by selling the parish school, and a material surplus would remain for utilization by the Parish to rebuild the Parishioner base and become self-sustaining through evangelizing and ministering to the surrounding Community. In addition, knowing that the Archdiocese INTENDS to close Saint Pius X creates a fait accompli; and people react and respond accordingly. Similarly, if the Archdiocese were to change course and allow Saint Pius X an opportunity to demonstrate its resilience, the Parishioners would not leave their Parish but would support it and provide those assurances (through tangible actions both financial and through action of the parishioners) to the Archdiocese that this Parish can be selfsustaining. But all of this is predicated on having a pastoral leader who intends to respect and reflect the intentions of the Parishioners. To date, the Pastor has, instead, not taken any steps to build up Saint Pius X, but accepts the fait accompli from the Archdiocese and does the minimum at the parish level—perhaps due to too many obligations, including being Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal. While this may seem like a slight against the Pastor, it is not. It is a factual recitation of what has happened and why a different Pastor is necessary to reflect the Parishioners' intentions and desire to retain and build up Saint Pius X. Proper leadership is necessary and makes

- the difference between helping to restore and rebuild or allow the parish to be closed as the Archdiocesan plan seems intent on having become permanent.
- V. It is true that the Cathedral has a very large space inside, but it is not a welcoming physical space for weekly worship for parishioners who are used to a smaller, intimate setting. The Sanctuary is cold, and as one St. Pius X Parishioner noted "you need opera glasses to see what is happening on the altar." Although Fr. Louis Bianco, the Cathedral Rector, has pledged to accommodate liturgical ministers, Parishioners from St. Pius X who met with him recently realized there would be little room for additional Lectors and no ability to accommodate Extraordinary Ministers (due to the number of priests who attend Cathedral services). Because of the acoustical style of the Cathedral, there would also be an inability to accommodate the much-beloved St. Pius X Contemporary Choir.
- VI. The application of the plan, "Seek the City," sounds unpleasant in name when applied to a Parish Community that lives in an area of the county, not the city, which is growing, not dying. These facts are certainly known by the Archdiocese because a letter was recently sent by the Parish lay leaders to the Archdiocesan "Seek the City" team between the preliminary and final church closure plans. This letter describes how viable St. Pius X is as a Parish and would be even more so if the assigned Pastor was committed to its growth. Unfortunately, this is not what happened over the past five (5) years.
- VII. The reported data are wrong: the Parish had sufficient operating funds until June 2021 during the COVID pandemic and when the school closed. So, it is not true that St. Pius X has been 13 out of 20 years without sufficient operating funds.
- VIII. The debt from the school for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 was due to Pastor Fr. José Opalda's decision to move the pastorate offices to the former convent attached to the school in 2021 just before the school closed. After the school closed, the Parish still had to keep utilities, etc., operational because of the offices.
 - IX. After the Pastorate was created, both pastors (Fr. Marty Nocchi and Fr. José Opalda) eliminated a popular Mass at St. Pius X: not because these were not well attended, but because:

- a) The 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Pius X was impossible for Fr. Nocchi's schedule if he was also needed to preside over the 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil at St. Mary; and
- b) Fr. Opalda alienated the popular worship music group at the Teen Mass on Sunday at 5 p.m., which then quit, causing attendance to drop, after which the Mass was eliminated.
- X. During his time as Pastor of the Pastorate of St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Pius X Parishes, Fr. Opalda also held a part-time job at the Archdiocesan/Metropolitan Tribunal, which then became a demanding full-time job as Judicial Vicar. Divided as he was, Fr. Opalda was unable to lead St. Pius X in efforts to do outreach to parishioners during the COVID crisis of 2020, when all churches were closed, or since that crisis ended. Since Fr. José Opalda became pastor, there have been no new ministries or outreach efforts at St. Pius X, despite requests from parishioners to create such efforts.
- XI. We are not pointing fingers against Fr. Opalda who as noted above in addition to being Pastor of two churches, has important tasks in the Archdiocesan Tribunal. We actually believe that he does what he can, but all these obligations have prevented him from adequately taking care of the St. Pius X Parish and respecting the perspectives of those faithful represented therein. Since the end of the COVID Pandemic in 2021, the Pastor has taken no action that would encourage absent parishioners to return to active worship, thereby ignoring their concerns regarding protecting and preserving their Parish.
- XII. The situation worsened after "Seek the City" was announced, according to Parish Council members, because Fr. Opalda would not consider beginning any new ministries, even when it did not include Parish funds, because he wanted to "wait and see" what happened with the Archdiocesan plan. Fr. Opalda's hands-off approach to pastoring is also indicated in a Fiscal Year 2022 financial audit of the parish, which notes instances when the pastor did not "ensure proper oversight and monitoring of Parish expenses."

- XIII. Additionally, because of his work in the Tribunal, Fr. Opalda reasonably never felt comfortable conducting wedding ceremonies, in case the couple later requested an annulment over which he would preside. Thus, only Deacon Patrick Woods conducted most weddings at St. Pius X from mid-2019 through October 2024 (when Fr. Opalda presided over a Filipino wedding). Thus, over the past five (5) years, many couples who wanted a wedding with a Mass had to go elsewhere, or find a priest of their own if they wanted to be married at St. Pius X.
- XIV. During his time as Pastor, Fr. Opalda also never presided over a baptism. Deacon Patrick Woods conducted all baptisms at the Parish, presided over most weddings and funerals, and instructed Confirmation candidates. In this way, the parishioners have not had their pastor provide personally to the parishioners the sacraments as he should as their parochial shepherd as envisioned by canon 530.
- XV. The statement that it would take eighteen (18) months to separate the school property from the Church property for sale is not necessarily true, according to Baltimore County officials who spoke with Parishioners. If the school portion was to be used for a public purpose, such as athletic fields and green space, subdividing the property would take less time.
- XVI. Regardless, Baltimore County would like to purchase the school property and would like to see the Church remain open. Elected officials have been discussing purchasing the property from the Archdiocese, and local community associations are very supportive of the County's efforts to buy the school property because this area of the County is in dire need of open space and athletic fields that the school property would provide if sold to the County.
- XVII. The above is well known by the Archbishop because it was discussed during a lunch meeting in July, when His Excellency expressed his expectation to not change the zoning on the property. It was also made public in an article published in the local online newspaper *The Baltimore Banner*.

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Conclusions

All the above important remarks are made considering the Parishioners' rights under can.212 §37 and do not disturb in any way their acknowledgement of the 'potestas regendi' of the Archbishop, who is considered by them as a good "Apostolorum Successor," eager "to encourage the lay faithful to participate in the life of the Church, making every effort to enlist their much-needed collaboration," acquiring "an overview of the situation and the needs of that portion of the People of God entrusted" to him. This appeal is a petition from faithful members of his flock rather than a complaint.

The parishioners had the aforementioned video call online with Archdiocesan representatives and in addition to retaining their current parish status, as a way to mediate and find a middle ground, the parishioners offered an accommodating proposal as well to the Archdiocese: that proposal was, and we reiterate it here today, as incorporated with our petition for Hierarchical Recourse to Your Eminence at this time:

The Parishioners of Saint Pius X, ask this esteemed Dicastery to require the Archdiocese to work collaboratively with the parishioners of Saint Pius X for a reasonable timeframe to allow Saint Pius X to remain open at this time as a worship site under Father Bianco at the Cathedral, while also permitting Saint Pius X the opportunity to grow. Visiting clergy have frequently assisted at St. Pius X Parish over the past the past twenty-two (22) years and have been warmly welcomed by parishioners. This sought-after accommodation by the parishioners would also permit the Archdiocese more time to work with the requisite civil authorities to sell the school. The Parishioners want to definitively affirm that they do NOT need a loan from the Archdiocese; instead, their need is deferred payment on what is owed until the school is sold. In this way, the debt will not be counted against the Cathedral as well. In asking Your Eminence for this path forward, the debt can ultimately be resolved fully and allows a committed parish to remain open and thrive, respecting the mission of the local and universal Church.

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⁷ Can.212 §3: "According to the knowledge, competence, and prestige which they possess, they have the right and even at times the duty to manifest to the sacred pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church and to make their opinion known to the rest of the Christian faithful, without prejudice to the integrity of faith and morals, with reverence toward their pastors, and attentive to common advantage and the dignity of persons."

⁸ Congregation for Bishops, Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops *Apostolorum Successores*, February 22, 2004, n.160

The St. Pius X Parishioners are not utopian dreamers: their intentions to preserve their Parish are supported by their concrete plan to grow the Parish and resolve all the financial matters. Based on a professional engineer's assessment, the St. Pius X Church building has been well maintained. The only St. Pius X debt is the result of over ten (10) years of Parish support for the school plus costs incurred after the school closed in 2021 due, in part, to the Pastor's decision to create Parish offices in the school building. But once that building is sold, St. Pius X would be free of debt. Please consider that the entire Parish property, including the School, is located on about 15.21 acres of land just inside Baltimore County, near the city-county line, and is prime real estate.

If this aforementioned proposal is not endorsed by this esteemed Dicastery, then in the alternative, for the reasons cited above, we formally present the following Petition to Your Eminence:

For all the above reasons, *in iure et in facto*, thoughtfully evaluated and not overlooking the reasons that could have brought the Archdiocese to this sad decision, we are formally asking that the *decree* published by His Excellency, the Archbishop of Baltimore, on September 29, 2024, merging the St. Pius X Parish in Baltimore into the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, effective December 1, 2024, is invalidated.

Respectfully yours,

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JANICE DAMON
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residing at 1318	whitewre Tr. Towson, MD	21204

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residing at 9623 Utica Place Springdale MD.
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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND

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residing at	38	STEVENSON	LN	BALTIMORE,	MD	21212
as a Parishioner of	Saint Pi	ius X in Baltim	ore, N	Maryland, U.S	\overline{A} , d	o hereby
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I, the undersigned	Jonathan Lehr	
residing at 1938	Ruxton Rd. Towson	MD, 21204

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I, the undersigned_	Erica O'L	eary	
residing at 9242	Bellbeck Ro	1 Parkville	MD 21234

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BAGIMORE, MD, date 7/18/24

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ROBERT M ROBERTS Notary Public, Baltimore County

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State of Maryland

My Commission Expires March 15, 2028

I, the undersigned_	Kathken L. Schech	
residing at 801	Regester Avenue, Baltimore, MD 2123	39

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Hathleen S. Scheck

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I, the undersigned FRANCIS J. FALATKO, JR.
residing at 138 HOPKINS ROAD BANTIMORE MV. 21212

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July 18, 2024, MD, date

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TENISE WALLACE Notary Public - State of Maryland Baltimore City My Commission Expires Mar 18, 2028

I, the undersigned Michael O. Doyle
residing at 7316 Yer k towne Drive Tows on MD 21204

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residing at 604	WIND	wood	RD.		2 1	21	2_

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Baltimore, MD, date July 27, 2024

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I, the undersigned_	KEVIN M. CRONIN	
residing at <u>Z800</u>	INGLEWOOD AV, BALTIA	TORE, M.D 21234

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I, the undersigned	Norma Jean O Hara
residing at 339	Mondock Rd Batt MD 21218

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I, the undersigned MELVIN R. MANSON
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residing at 3 ST. MICHAELS WAY	BALTIMORE	21212

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residing at 16 Tro	jan Horse Dr	Phoenix,	MD21131

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APPOINTMENT OF ADVOCATE and PROCURATOR

I, the unders	signed_	WILLIA	n I. J	ONES	TIL	
residing at_	204	NORTH	TYPONE	RD.	BALTIMORE,	MD 21212

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I, the undersigned_\sqrt{V}	LOTORIA Z	Z. COHE	n		
residing at 226	HOPKINS	RS	BALTIMORE	WD	21212
as a Parishioner of Sair	nt Pius X in Balti	imore, Maryla	and, U.S.A, do herel	by appoi	int

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APPOINTMENT OF ADVOCATE and PROCURATOR

I, the undersigned_	Barbara	A.M.	Carthi	1
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as a Parishioner of Saint Pius X in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A, do hereby appoint as my Advocate, Dr. Mauro Visigalli (Rota Romana), and as my Procurator, Mr. Robert Flummerfelt (JCL), electing my legal domicile at their law firm: Canon Law Services LLC, located at 500 North Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.

I entrust them with defending my rights concerning the present and future canonical status of the above-mentioned Parish. I grant them full powers to act, speak, negotiate, and correspond on my behalf in all canonical matters, in accordance with the terms of the Code of Canon Law of Catholic Church.

The mandate, annulling all canonical mandates previously signed by me, is valid in every Church's Tribunal, the Apostolic Tribunals included.

Baltimore, MD, date 1/28/24
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Most Reverend William E. Lori, *Archbishop* Archdiocese of Baltimore 320 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Object: St. Pius X Parish in Baltimore; Remonstratio against the Parish Merger

Dear Archbishop Lori,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We hope this correspondence finds you well. On August 27, 2024, we wrote to Your Excellency and provided numerous mandates signed by some 'Christifideles' of the St. Pius X Parish in Baltimore, who asked us to defend their rights as parishioners against your decree merging the mentioned church with the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish, effective December 1, 2024. Please note that, while in your prior communications you kindly granted the term of October 11th for submitting the 'remonstratio', we remain in full observance of the term indicated by can.1734 C.I.C. In the meantime, we know that the parishioners asked the Archdiocese for a meeting, and we sincerely hope that a mediation can be conducted, according to can.1733 as such a requested meeting is appropriate consistent with the letter and spirit of the law and also opportune at this point in time.

We briefly anticipate in this document, which is to be intended as a formal petition for revocation and/or emendation regarding St. Pius X, the parishioners' arguments that are not

simply based – as you will see – on their 'desiderata', but are supported by a complete series of documents which we have attached hereto, demonstrating that:

- I. Although the Decree of September 25, 2024, focuses on the numeric analysis of attendance and operating funds over the past twenty (20) years, the conclusory summary of the twenty (20) years does not paint an accurate portrait of the parish. In fact, in 2009, the parish raised \$2.3 million to modernize its sanctuary, move the altar to be closer to the congregation, and center the celebration of the Eucharist in the sanctuary. The ability to raise these funds and modernize the church building demonstrate the lively and joyful spirit of the parish.
- II. There have been multiple external circumstances for declining attendance in recent years over which parishioners had no control and which can be reversed. First, the 2016 merging of St. Pius X Parish with St. Mary of the Assumption, a parish in a non-Catholic area of Baltimore City that was then already in a difficult situation, had a negative impact on St. Pius X. Between 2004 and 2016, Sunday Mass attendance at St. Pius X averaged 644 persons, and had an average offertory collection of US\$11,715, weekly. Between 2017 and June of this year, average weekly Mass attendance was 297 persons, and the offertory average was US\$7,528 weekly (see *Exhibit 1*). Second, in 2017 and 2019, pastors ended two (2) normally scheduled weekly Masses, causing a reduction in attendance: the Saturday afternoon 4 p.m. Mass and the Sunday afternoon 5 p.m. Mass. By 2019, St. Pius X Church had only two (2) Sunday Masses (down from 6 in 2009) and provided Confession only once a month on Friday mornings. Finally, Mass attendance was affected by the COVID Pandemic from 2020 through 2021, during which churches of all denominations lost attendance.
- III. The parish has an evangelization potential, a vibrant sacramental life, and brilliant social and environmental ministries (see *Exhibit 2*).
- IV. The St. Pius X Parish debts can easily be paid by selling the parish school, and a material surplus would remain for utilization by the parish to rebuild the parishioner base and become self-sustaining, through evangelizing and ministering to the surrounding Community.

Let us, incidentally, mention the parishioners' sincere concern that since the end of the COVID Pandemic in 2021, their pastor has taken no action that would encourage absent parishioners to return to active worship, thereby ignoring their concerns regarding protecting and preserving their Parish: please note that this important remark is made considering the parishioners' rights under canon 212, §3¹, without disturbing in any way their acknowledgement of your 'potestas regendi'.

They firmly believe that you – as a very good "Apostolorum Successor" – are more than eager "to encourage the lay faithful to participate in the life of the Church, making every effort to enlist their much-needed collaboration," acquiring "an overview of the situation and the needs of that portion of the People of God entrusted" to you.² So please consider this "remonstratio" as a petition from faithful members of your flock rather than as a complaint.

In consideration of the aforementioned points, the application of the plan, "Seek the City," sounds unpleasant in name when applied to a Parish Community that lives in an area of the county, not the City, which is growing, not dying. These facts are certainly known by the Archdiocese because a letter was recently sent by the Parish lay leaders to the Archdiocesan "Seek the City" team between the preliminary and final church closing plans (Exhibit 3). This letter describes how viable St. Pius X is as a Parish and would be even more so if the assigned Pastor was committed to its growth. Unfortunately, this did not happen over the past three (3) years.

We are not pointing fingers against Fr. José Opalda who, in addition to being Pastor of two (2) churches, has important tasks in the Tribunal, such as being Archdiocesan Judicial Vicar. We actually believe that he does what he can, but all these obligations are preventing

¹ "§3. According to the knowledge, competence, and prestige which they possess, they have the right and even at times the duty to manifest to the sacred pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church and to make their opinion known to the rest of the Christian faithful, without prejudice to the integrity of faith and morals, with reverence toward their pastors, and attentive to common advantage and the dignity of persons." (emphasis added) Code of Canon Law - Book II - The People of God - Part I. (Cann. 208-329) (vatican.va)

² Congregation for Bishops, Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops *Apostolorum Successores*, February 22, 2004, n.160.

him from adequately taking care of St. Pius X Parish and respecting the perspectives of those faithful represented herein.

The situation worsened after "Seek the City" was announced, according to Parish Council members, because Fr. Opalda would not consider beginning a new ministry, even when it did not include Parish funds, because he wanted to "wait and see" what happened with the Archdiocesan plan. Fr. Opalda's hands-off approach to pastoring is also indicated in a FY2022 financial audit of the parish, which notes instances when the pastor did not "ensure proper oversight and monitoring of Parish expenses" (see Exhibit 4, pp. 4-6).

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With this petition, we are addressing Your Excellency in your role as Pastor of the Baltimore Archdiocese and as a sign of unity in this particular Church. We do not doubt your best intentions, but even if your decree does not entail a church closure, its effects will not be dissimilar and will even be effectively worse than a church closure, since the inactivity of a church is always the first step before its reduction to profane use. Some Parishioners will simply adapt themselves to the new parish. Most St. Pius X Parishioners, however, will attend churches other than the Cathedral based on an internal survey conducted by Lay Ministry Leaders after the merger and closing was announced. Other parishioners may simply leave the Church altogether because of their disappointment and feelings of being overlooked, underrespected, and of having their perspectives ignored when compared with those members of the Archdiocese who retained their parishes. The operations of merging parishes are always finalized to cut fees and expenses and not to increase participation, so the closed churches having lost their communities—will simply be kept open for some time to ensure they do not raise people's animosity and will later be closed and sold based on new data demonstrating that a non-functioning church does not generate income, but only costs; it is a defeat, not a renewal plan! This is unfortunately the inevitable future result if the intent of the impugned decree is allowed to be implemented.

Let us highlight some elements to be considered in the administrative decision of this matter:

- 1. The first concern arises from a strong juridical value and pertains to the preservation of the community. This is a very important point, never ignored in Vatican jurisprudence. We all know that the People of God are similar all over the world, but we also know as strongly recalled by the Synod that such People are comprised of many smaller Christian Communities, not always interchangeable. Moving people from one church to another like postal packages is not a good solution for financial problems. The risk is to aggravate such problems because closing a church inevitably means losing parishioners who will abandon the Church because they feel abandoned by their Bishop.³
- 2. We already mentioned the loss of **attendance** (the universal Church is suffering the same) and its causes in this specific case, but the plan to merge St. Pius X with Mary Our Queen Cathedral can only aggravate this situation.
- 3. Additionally, the planned reduction **creates divisions** in a currently cohesive Archdiocesan Community and stokes unhealthy rivalries between different church

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³ Let us read the following statement of Victoria Somogyi, Director of the documentary "Foreclosing on Faith" (Hungary, 2017): "Community building forces are important to protect in today's fragile world. When more and more people are getting lonely and isolated, local communities offer a safe-haven and comfort for many people. One example of community building forces is churches. For ethnic communities in the process of settling down in the United States, these centers have played an essential role in history. But over past decades, a very destructive and accelerating process has been taking place in the Catholic Church: the closing of these important places—the parishes. With Jeff Mac Intyre, I set out on this journey in 2014 to uncover the reasons behind this disturbing phenomenon and share my findings in a documentary. As a Hungarian journalist, I have spent a month every year in USA since 2006 visiting Hungarian communities, making interviews, trying to understand how these communities live, how they conserve their homeland's historical and cultural heritage and identity, their ties to it, and what role faith plays in it. Destroying a home—a spiritual one in the case of these faith communities—causes an enormous shock, inflicting a huge and inestimable crisis on people at many levels, which cannot be underestimated when such decisions are made by the responsible. I wanted to analyze how communities react to these shock waves, and what strategies they apply in response. What interested me most was what those factors are that enable an individual or, in this case a small, seemingly powerless community to come up with a winning strategy to bring them out of a desperate and an extremely disadvantageous, if not life-threatening, situation. I talk about Catholic communities only because I know them best. We can substitute them with any other religious or non-religious communities. The focus is not on a particular religion but on strategies and survival techniques for small communities. Following my mother's advice, "If you can't build, don't destroy", my intention was to give a 360-degree picture of the players involved in such situations. If they chose not to take part, that was their decision; opportunity was given to everyone. With this documentary, my intention was to open and facilitate a dialogue between the parties to arrive at a win-win decision. Returning from a shoot, on a Sunday, on the highway between Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio, we stopped for lunch at a Mexican restaurant. A complete stranger of Hispanic origin, whom we opened the door for, letting him in before us, paid our check and left a note saying: "Pass it on." Apart from showing the plight, the suffering of these faith-based groups, my goal is also to pass on to the viewer the generosity and the immense richness of these small, endangered communities and to pass on hope to these afflicted groups." Cf. foreclosingonfaith.org

communities. In this specific case, we note that the Cathedral is not a welcoming physical space for weekly worship for parishioners who are used to a smaller, intimate setting. The Sanctuary is large, cold, and, as one parishioner noted, "you need opera glasses to see what is happening on the altar." Although Fr. Louis Bianco, the Cathedral Rector, has pledged to accommodate liturgical ministers, parishioners from St. Pius X who met with him recently realized there would be little room for additional Lectors and no ability to accommodate Extraordinary Ministers (due to the number of priests who attend at Cathedral services). Because of the acoustical style of the Cathedral, there would also be an inability to accommodate the much-beloved St. Pius X Contemporary Choir.

4. And the last—but not least important—point we note is that keeping unused buildings does not cut costs but **increases them for the new Parish**. It is easy to understand that the definitive closure of St. Pius X is only being delayed, and this merger is only the first step to dismiss the "secondary" church based on a future report that will simply demonstrate what can be logically previewed to this point: maintaining a diminished church is a useless cost and even more unpleasant for the "merged Parish."

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Your Excellency, please forgive our frankness when we say that we have managed too many similar cases to ignore that all these "visions" of a "fully alive and evangelizing Church" are sadly, and practically, just a sugarcoating of the Church's retreat: the St. Pius X buildings will be gradually dismissed and sold to the best suitor after the former parishioners have become accustomed to a new assignment. However, for them, this will mean joining a different community that, in their eyes, will appear as speciously privileged. Thus, it is something harmful to the life of faith of the members of the Community.

The care for souls is to be the driving force behind any decision, even the one to extinguish a Parish, and the decision should include more than debatable demographic forecasts and financial resources: you are an Apostle, not just a manager, and your decisions

⁴ Letter to Parish of September 28, 2024.

should be based on what is best in the interest of souls to whom the Church ministers. This is exactly what the jurisprudence of the Apostolic Signatura teaches, and we are sure that this is exactly what you are searching for. However, we believe that you are searching for this through the wrong method.

A parish is a vital part of a person's religious life and formation: it is the place where the individual believer encounters the Church and her saving mission. "It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love."⁴

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Conclusions

In the above-mentioned letter requesting mediation, the St. Pius X Parishioners asked you for more time; more time (and frankly a Pastor who reflects AND supports their intentions to preserve their Parish) to concretely show that they can grow the Parish and resolve all the financial matters. Based on a professional engineer's assessment, the St. Pius X Church building has been well maintained (*Exhibit 5*). The only St. Pius X debt is the result of over ten (10) years of Parish support for the school plus costs incurred after the school closed in 2021 due, in part, to the Pastor's decision to create Parish offices in the school building (*Exhibit 6*). But, once that building is sold, St. Pius X would be free of debt. Please consider that the Parish is located about 6-7 acres of land just inside Baltimore County, near the city-county line, and is prime real estate (*Exhibits 7*).

We want to close this document with a reflection and some words of hope in these troubled times for the Church: plans of reduction are taking the wind out of Churches' sails everywhere, but we sincerely hope that brave bishops can reverse this sad inclination and make concrete God's words addressed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Go Francis, and repair my Church."

For all the above reasons, *in iure et in facto*, thoughtfully evaluated and not overlooking the reasons that could have brought the Archdiocese to this sad decision, we are formally asking you to undo your *decree* published on September 29, 2024, merging the St. Pius X Parish in Baltimore into the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, effective December 1, 2024.

Respectfully yours,

Robert J. B. Flummerfelt

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Mauro Visigalli, Adv.

EXHIBIT 1

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	Avg Weekly	Annualized			Change in	
	Mass	Change In		Avg Weekly	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{g}$	
Year	Attendance	Avg Attendance	Pastor/PLD	Offertory	Offertory	Parish Events Affecting Attendance
2004-2006	905	n/a	Pastoral Life Director (PLD): Carol Pacione ²	\$11,910	n/a	as a sacramental minister; At this time SPX had 6 masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8 am; 9:30 am in the Church; a Family Mass at 9:30 in the Parish Hall; an 11 am in the Church; and a Youth Mass at 5 pm with modern Christian/Catholic music. Most weekends, Fr. Hank Hilton (SJ) ³ presided over 2; and Fr. Sam Lupico presided over 2; and Fr. Sam Lupico presided over 2.
2007-2009	830	(75)	PLD: Carol Pacione	\$11,436	(\$474)	Between 2007 and 2008, SPX Parishioners donated \$2.3 million for Church renovations; \$1.8 million was spent on renovating the Church Sanctuary and bringing the building up to code; the balance was spent on renovating the Parish Hall (renamed Genesis Hall) into meeting and gathering space and on some renovations to the school. 2009: Sanctuary reopened and the 9:30 Family Mass in Parish Hall had to be eliminated due to the parish hall renovations (and fire codes), which reduced attendance.

2010	924	94	PLD: Carol Pacione	\$10,982	(\$454)	2010: Following an archdiocesan study of parish school enrollment in Baltimore City, 13 of 64 Archdiocesan schools were closed. SPX School Board considers making the school Montessori.
2011	623	(301)	PLD: Carol Pacione	\$12,828	\$1,846	2011: SPX School began transition to become a Montessori School.5 2011: Fr. Hank Hilton, SJ, moved from Baltimore to preside over a parish in New Jersey and SPX lost a weekly Sunday Mass presider as well as a number of people who liked the Jesuit style. PLD Carol Pacione and staff recruited priests to say Sunday Mass: Fr. Martin Burnham, Fr. Ray Chase, Fr. Matt Beuning, and occasionally Msgr. Rick Hilgartner, as well as others.
2012	658	35	PLD: Carol Pacione	\$11,662	(\$1,166)	
2013	713	55	PLD: Carol Pacione	\$12,386	\$724	2013: Newly Ordained Deacon Patrick Wood assigned to SPX
2014	711	(2)	PLD: Carol Pacione	\$11,698	(\$898)	
2015	694	(17)	PLD: Carol Pacione	\$10,821	(\$877)	

2016	n/a	n/a	Administrator/Pastor: Fr.	\$10,314	(\$507)	January 2016: After 13 years as PLD, Carol
			Marty Nocchi			Pacione retired and Fr. Marty Nocchi, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption's (SMG), in Baltimore City, was named administrator of SPX. June 2016: Archdiocese combined SPX and SMG into its new model of a "Pastorate" and assigned Fr. Nocchi as Pastor and Fr. Sam Young as Associate Pastor. Fr. Lou Reitz, who had resided in the SPX Rectory for 38 years (since 1978), retired. Fr. Nocchi and staff planned multiple joint potluck dinners to encourage parishioners from both parishes to get to know each other.
2017 7	502	(96)	Pastor: Fr. Marty Nocchi	\$11,021	\$707	2017 and 2018: Fr. Nocchi worked to develop a joint pastoral council between the two churches; To accomodate a mass schedule for a single priest serving two churches, mass schedules at both were rearranged and SPX ended its Saturday 4 pm Mass, hoping parishioners would attend the 4 pm Mass at SMG (very few did). The elimination of the Saturday night Mass resulted in more attendance loss; in addition, SPX no longer held Confession and offered only the Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30am, and 5 pm masses (3 total).

Fr. Nocchi became sick in 2018 from the stress of pastoring two churches that had different populations and traditions; he took a leave of absence starting Feb 10, 2019 8	During Fr. Opalda's first year as pastor, many long-time parishioners left SPX because of his style of ministry, which was much more conservative than what parishioners had been used to since the 1970s. The 5 pm Sunday Youth Mass was eliminated.		June 2021: St. Pius X School closed permanently and the property advertised for lease. COVID Restrictions continued to limit attendance at Mass. Parish leadership made no effort to contact parishioners to encourage their return or to inquire how they were doing.		FY 2022 Archdiocesan Audit indicates a lack of pastor oversight and engagement over Parish finances between FY 2017 and FY 2022.9
(\$520)	(\$3,272)	(\$725)	\$116	(\$326)	(\$94)
\$10,501	\$7,229	\$6,504	\$6,620	\$6,264	\$6,170
Pastor: Fr. Marty Nocchi	Pastor: Fr. Nocchi until 3/31 Pastor: Fr. Jojo Opalda began 4/14/2019		Pastor: Fr. Jojo Opalda	Pastor: Fr. Jojo Opalda	Pastor: Fr. Jojo Opalda
(66)	(63)	No Data (COVID Restrictions)	(16)	54	7
403	340	No Data (COV	159	213	220
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

2024 through	245	43	Pastor: Fr. Jojo Opalda	\$5,920	(\$250)	5-Year Avg Mass Attendance 2019 - 2024
July						(excluding 2020 due to Covid): 238

Attendance and Offeratory information for 2006 through 2015 obtained from Archdiocese of Baltimore, Office of Pastoral Planning, "Parish Planning Data - Executive Summary," Office of Pastoral Planning, April 6, 2016; based on data provided in the Annual Consolidated Report (ACR) Cardinal Keeler created this lay administrative position to enable priests to devote more time to pastoral ministry rather than administration duties; Carol Pacione became PLD at SPX in 2002. During her tenure, parish finances were stable and the parish flourished.

Fr. Hank Hilton taught Economics at Loyola University but wanted to serve in a Parish. While Fr. Tom Gouleke was still pastor, Fr. Hilton offered to preside over two masses each weekend, three weekends each month. He became an integral part of Parish life during his tenure through 2011 Fr. Lou Reitz served as provincial treasurer for the Sulpician Fathers in the United States during the time he resided in the SPX Rectory (where for many education to its members. As Assisting Clergy, Fr. Reitz was integral to the Sacramental life of the the parish but was not involved in administration or years, he was the only resident). He also served as chaplain to the Baltimore Fire Department and was an active member of the United States Power Squadron, a nonprofit all-volunteer national boating fraternity dedicated to promoting safe boating by educating the public and providing advanced programming.

SPX School Board hoped that as the only Montessori school in the Archdiocese the school would attract more pupils.

Average Weekly Offertory data from FY 2015 through FY 2024 compiled by Finance Council Chair Francis ("Skip") Falatko.

2017-2024 mass attendance data compiled by a parishioner who went through every St. Pius X online bulletin from 2017 through 2024 (see Sheet 1 of this document, "Weekly Mass Attendance").

⁸ Fr. Marty Nocchi, Letter to Parishioners, published in Pastorate Bulletin and read at all Masses, February, 19, 2019.

Archdiocese of Baltimore, Internal Audit Report, St. Pius X Roman Catholic Congregation, Incorporated, Issued June 28, 2023.

EXHIBIT 2

ST. PIUS X PARISH

Evangelization Potential, Sacramental Life, and Social Action Ministries

EVANGELIZATION POTENTIAL

1. Visible and Welcoming from a Major Thoroughfare – STC Score: 4

St. Pius X is located at 6428 York Road in Baltimore County and, since it is on a small hill slightly elevated from the road, it is highly visible. York Road is one of Baltimore's major thoroughfares running North and South through the middle of Baltimore City and Baltimore County up to the Pennsylvania line, which thousands of cars drive on daily.

If St. Pius X remains closed because of the Seek the City to Come initiative, there will no longer be a Catholic Church building fronting the Greenmount/York Road corridor from North Avenue in Baltimore City to Cockeysville in Baltimore County (approximately 12 miles). In fact, there will no longer be a Catholic Church fronting this major thoroughfare from North Ave. to the Pennsylvania line (30 miles).¹

However, there will be 1 Lutheran church; 1 Methodist church; 2 Episcopal churches; 2 Presbyterian churches; 4 Baptist churches; and 9 other nondenominational churches on York Road between Towson in Baltimore County and North Avenue in Baltimore City. (see Exhibit A).

2. Proximity to Transit/Walkability – STC Score: 3

The Maryland Transit Administration's Red Line runs north and South on York Road between downtown Baltimore City and a transit hub in Lutherville. Bus stops north and south are within a 2–4-minute walk of St. Pius X. On this score, St. Pius X rated higher than ten of the other 18 churches listed in the North Region Data Toolkit, including Cathedral of Mary Our Queen (which scored 2). ²

- 3. Area Density (Households within a 10-minute walk): 1,839
- 4. Area Median Age (within a 10-minute walk): 38.2 years old
- 5. Area Median Household Income (within a 10-minute walk): \$109,649
- **6. Median Home Value: \$391,406**

¹ Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, located at 100 Ware Ave., Towson, and St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 100 Church Lane, Cockeysville, are close by but do not have a presence on York Rd.

² Seek the City, Draft Model Process, Session 2, "North Region Toolkit," pages 6-7; Seek the City to Come,

[&]quot;Parish Information Package - St. Pius X," page 11.

7. Black Population in Parish Boundary: 20%

Based on these Seek the City's statistics and its maps, St. Pius X lies within the wealthiest and most densely Catholic areas within the Seek the City boundaries. The neighborhoods surrounding the Church tend to be made up of young families because of the proximity to two of Baltimore County's best public Elementary Schools (Stoneleigh Elementary School and Roger's Forge Elementary School). The parish's median of \$109,649 is double that of the Baltimore City average of \$55,800.³

St. Pius X is unlike many of the much older churches in Baltimore City where Catholics no longer live near their churches but live further away in the Baltimore County suburbs. With good leadership, St. Pius X, located in Baltimore County in a potential growth area, could bring back area Catholics and reach new people, given the chance to make a concerted dedicated outreach in this area and with the help of the Archdiocese.

8. Area Catholicity (Registered parishioners within 10-minute walk): 927

According to Seek the City's "North Region Data Toolkit" St. Pius X had more registered Catholics within a 10-minute walk than any other church in the North Region (including Cathedral of Mary our Queen, which had only 354 registered Catholics in the same 10-minute walk).

Why Hasn't St. Pius X Conducted Outreach in Recent Years?

The Lay Leadership of St. Pius X first learned that the Archdiocese had an Office for Evangelization when they met with Bishop Bruce Lewandowski and Julie St. Croix on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, following the public hearings on Seek the City's Final Plan. Neither of our pastors had ever mentioned that this was a resource the lay leadership should examine.

During the first three years after St. Pius X was combined with St. Mary of the Assumption under one pastor (2016-2018), Pastor Fr. Marty Nocchi had to focus his energies on bringing the two parishes—which were very different in every way—together. He then became very sick in 2019 as a result, taking first a sick leave of absence, then resigning from being Pastor.⁵

In April 2019, Fr. Jojo Opalda was named Pastor of the two churches and encountered many of the same issues that Fr. Nocchi had. In addition, Fr. Opalda had a full-time job on the Archdiocese Tribunal, becoming Judicial Vicar in 2022. His work responsibilities for the Archdiocese left him little time to initiate new programs or lead us in outreach to the surrounding area.

³ Seek the City to Come, "Parish Information Package – St. Pius X," page 11.

⁴ Seek the City to Come, Draft Model Process, Session 2, "North Region Toolkit," pages 4-5.

⁵ Fr. Marty Nocchi, Letter to Parishioners, published in Pastorate Bulletin and read at all Masses, February, 19, 2019.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

The data on Sacramental Life for all parishes, varies year to year and has fluctuated worse since the COVID pandemic. The statistics given in the Decree are from 2023, but in 2022, according to Seek the City data published in the Parish Information Package (page 13), St. Pius X conducted:

- 35 baptisms
- 18 First Eucharist and First Confessions
- 22 Confirmations
- 5 weddings
- 14 funerals

Ratio of Baptisms to Funerals: 2.5

Five-Year Average Sunday Mass Attendance (excluding 2020 when all churches were affected by COVID Pandemic): **238**

Reasons for Decline in Mass Attendance

"St. Pius X Parish Mass Attendance and History 2017-2024" provides historical information that affected attendance decline, particularly since 2017. Some of that decline can be attributed to the reduced number of masses between 2011 and 2023 (from seven masses in 2006 down to two masses in 2019). Every time a mass time changed or was eliminated, attendance declined. But, as noted above and on the spreadsheet, the inability to attract new members can also be attributed to the formation of the pastorate with St. Mary's of the Assumption in northern Baltimore City in 2017, because the two parishes were incompatible.

Pastors Fr. Mary Nocchi (2017-2019) and Fr. Jojo Opalda (2019-present) struggled to balance the needs and requirements of both churches. St. Mary's, about 1 mile south of St. Pius X, is in an area of Baltimore City that no longer has a large Catholic presence (only 126 registered parishioners within a 10-minute walk); while St. Pius X is in Baltimore County with almost a thousand registered Catholics within a 10-minute walk.

Under Pastoral Life Director Carol Pacione (2002-2015), SPX Parish had a full-time Liturgist, Youth Minister, and Adult Minister. All those positions went unfilled after 2018. Vital spiritual programs dwindled to become almost non-existent. Any programs that were established after Ms. Pacione left (prayer ministries, social/environmental ministries, liturgical ministries) were all begun and run by lay members.

Prayer Ministries: SPX has the following prayer ministries.

- Caritas Dei Members pray weekly, either in person as a group or at home privately, for special intentions and needs requested by parishioners in our Prayer Book.
- Circle of Wisdom This prayer group meets weekly to pray together and reflect on the daily Gospel readings.
- Rosary At 10 am each Sunday before the 10:30 am Mass, the rosary is led by volunteers and prayed by many parishioners.
- Stations of the Cross Liturgical ministers lead the Stations each Friday in Lent for numerous parishioners.

Liturgical Ministries

Lectors: 15

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 14

Ushers: 6

Arimathean Ministry to serve at Funeral Masses: 3

Music Ministry: Our music director and choir receive wonderful accolades regularly from visiting priests. The music is vibrant, soulful and often brings tears to the eyes of our parishioners. Our entire congregation sings joyfully at all masses.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRIES

SPX Is a Charitable, Generous Community

The Knights of Columbus, Notre Dame Council 2901, is active at St. Pius X

- Although many of its 190 members have moved outside the Council area, they remain active in Notre Dame Council 2901 activities; 24 members are specifically involved in all social and liturgical activities at St. Pius X Parish.
- Donations:
 - After the Notre Dame Council 2901 building was sold in 2023, the Council donated \$250,000 to five Catholic High Schools: Mercy High School, Archbishop Curley High School, Mt. Carmel High School, Catholic High School, and Mt. St. Joseph High School.
 - o Donation to St. Elizabeth's School: \$500
 - Onation to Deacon Franz Belleza upon his ordination as Deacon in 2023, to thank him for the time he devoted to our parish while he was a seminarian: \$500.
 - O Donation to Fr. Joseph Simmons: \$500 annually for his work as chaplain.
 - o Donation to St. Pius X: \$500 for flowers and grounds beautification.
 - o Knights bought a new chalice for St. Pius X upon the request of Pastor Opalda: \$100
- Members of the council donates countless hours to the St. Pius X Christmas tree sale each year, which raised about \$60,000 annually for the Parish.

• Members collect donations for about 100 food baskets every Christmas Season for families in need around Baltimore, in addition to collecting winter coats for a nonprofit to provide to children in need.

Our Daily Bread: St. Pius X has been supporting the Archdiocesan-run soup kitchen and resource center for the homeless for 40 years.

Pregnancy Center North: The Knights of Columbus and the St. Pius X Social Action Committee have supported this local organization for many years in its work helping pregnant, single mothers.

GEDCO⁶: St. Pius X parishioners have been donating food to GEDCO's food pantry in northern Baltimore City (about 2 miles south of St. Pius X Church) for over 20 years. The average bi-weekly delivery consists of at least 20 bags of food. The parish food donation is supplemented with fresh vegetables and fruit grown in St. Pius's "Giving Garden," staffed by volunteers and funded by local sponsors including the Knights of Columbus.

Giving Tree: For at least 20 years, each Christmas, the Social Action Committee has sponsored a Giving Tree that collects gift cards, food, toys, and clothing for approximately 50 needy families in Baltimore City.

Grateful Hearts Fund: This fund began about 10 years ago to raise money for families and individuals in our community who suddenly found themselves without the resources for an emergency need: tires for a car; the loss of belongings after a fire, etc. Since 2022, the SPX Poor Box has been dedicated twice a year (Christmas and Easter) for this fund. In that time, the fund raised almost \$16,000 and provided 53 families with gift cards for food at local grocery stores.

SPX Is an Environmental Steward Caring for God's Creation

In 2023, Catholic Charities of Maryland published a *Social Justice Toolkit* to highlight the social justice principles that are at the core of its mission. In the "Toolkit" Catholic Charities of Maryland recognized St. Pius X as an example of the principle "Care for Creation" due to its work as an environmental steward with the following programs that were begun and fostered by parishioners.⁷

Giving Garden

The St. Pius X Giving Garden was created five years ago on parish property to supply fresh fruit and vegetables to local food pantries. In 2023, 25 dedicated volunteers, ages 7 to 77, grew, packed, and delivered 1,300 pounds of produce to the Associated Churches of Towson Assistance Center (ACTC) and GEDCO Cares.

⁶ The Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO) was founded in 1991, bringing together 7 churches of different denominations (including St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church) in northern Baltimore City to provide an array of social services to the area's residents. It currently has 55 member organizations.

⁷ https://cc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Social-Justice-Toolkit-Single-Pages012524.pdf

Saint Francis Bioretention Garden

St. Pius X School, Church and Rectory were built on a steep hill with a stream running underground through the property. To filter the stormwater that runs off the property, volunteers built a bio-retention facility/garden in 2016 to prevent pollutants from flowing into Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay. During torrential downpours, the garden can store and filter more than 20,000 gallons of water. The garden is full of native plants and flowers that provide a home for birds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. Parishioners and neighbors volunteer regularly to maintain the garden. Over the years, benches and birdbaths have been added to provide a peaceful, prayerful greenspace for parishioners and the local community. This garden was financially supported by Blue Water Baltimore and given a Deed of Declaration and Easement by Baltimore County.

In August 2024, the Saint Francis Bioretention Garden won the Green Towson Alliance annual Native Garden Contest, in the "Seeds of Change" category, for its positive impact on the local ecosystem and the local community.⁸

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

For over ten years, SPX has participated as a drop off/pickup center for fresh produce from One Straw Farm. Parishioners and local community members purchase shares of fresh produce weekly during the growing season. This project supports a local Baltimore County farm, provides members with fresh healthy produce, and helps reduce carbon emissions by reducing transportation. One Straw Farm donates a bag of produce to food pantries for every 10 bags purchased each week, and any produce that is not picked up is given to the Giving Garden for its weekly donation to GEDCO Cares.

CONCLUSION

Since the 1970s, parishioners of St. Pius X have practiced the principle first advocated by our Patron Saint, Pope Pius X: *participato actuosa* (active participation of the faithful), later reaffirmed by Vatican II teachings. We ask for the chance to continue this practice, evangelize to the church's local community, and bring the Good News of the Eucharist to more people in our area.

⁸ https://www.nativegardencontest.com/2024-contest).

EXHIBIT 3

The Lay Ministry Leaders of St. Pius X Parish 6428 York Road Baltimore, MD 21212

April 30, 2024

The Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski Ms Geri Royale Byrd Seek the City to Come

Dear Bishop Bruce and Ms Byrd,

A great many parishioners at St. Pius X are represented by the signees of this letter, who themselves are leaders of the many ministries active in our Parish. This letter provides additional information about St. Pius X (SPX) in support of the remarks made by our Parish representatives at the Seek the City Public Comment Sessions on April 25 and April 30.

We would first like to say that we understand and support the overall goals of Seek the City. We are particularly supportive of the vision to bring ministries closer to the people they serve throughout the Baltimore City area. We appreciate all the hard work that has gone into the numerous listening sessions and envisioning meetings over the past two years. We understand that there will need to be changes to how SPX operates. And, we want to be partners with Bishop Bruce, the Seek the City team, and the Archdiocese in creating the "City to Come" in Baltimore.

In this letter, we hope to show you why SPX, if merged with Immaculate Heart of Mary, would be a strong partner as a worship and ministry site.

Beginning in the 1970s, the parishioners of St. Pius X were encouraged to become lay leaders of their parish. Lay leadership became more important after 2003, the last time SPX had a full-time priest assigned to minister to it. Over the past 20 years, the laity of SPX have sustained the parish by their involvement in the Liturgical, Sacramental, Musical, Environmental, and Charitable life of the Church, living the principle *participato actuosa* – active participation of the faithful – as advocated by our Patron Saint, Pope Pius X, during his pontificate, and reaffirmed by Vatican II teachings.

A worship site separate from a parish center will need a strong lay leadership to carry out the vision of the City to Come. We believe we have that leadership.

St. Pius X Has Potential for Growth

The neighborhoods surrounding SPX include many young families with children and with a moderately high-income level. According to STC data, SPX has the highest number of registered Catholics within a 10-minute walk compared to Cathedral and IHM, indicating great growth potential:

- SPX 927
- IHM 484
- Cathedral 354

Yet, unlike Cathedral and IHM, SPX has been without a full-time pastor/pastoral life director since 2016. We have lacked the leadership to reach out to the Catholics in our community.

According to the statistics provided in the toolkit for the North Region, baptisms at St Pius X outpace funerals at the highest ratio of 2.5—another indication of our growth potential.

SPX Is a Prayerful, Welcoming Worship Space

- **1. Growth**: We are a growing parish, not failing. Since the Pandemic years, when churches of all denominations lost attendance, our attendance has continued to increase.
- 2. Active Sacramental life (2022 STC Data)
 - 35 baptisms
 - 18 First Eucharist and First Confessions
 - 22 Confirmations
 - 5 weddings
 - 14 funerals

In addition, for several years, we have sponsored or hosted 1-3 seminarians each year.

- **3. Liturgical Ministry**: We have a very active liturgical ministry, with a well-organized group of lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and ushers serving at all our Masses. We also have an Arimethenian ministry—trained sacristans who also serve as acolytes for funeral masses.
- **4. Music Ministry**: Our music director and choir receive wonderful accolades regularly from our visiting priests. The music is vibrant, soulful and often brings tears to the eyes of our parishioners. Our entire congregation sings joyfully at both masses, led by our music director, choir, and cantors.
- **5. Prayer Ministries**: SPX has the following prayer ministries.
 - Caritas Dei Members pray weekly, either in person as a group or at home privately, for special intentions and needs requested by parishioners in our Prayer Book.
 - Circle of Wisdom This prayer group meets weekly to pray together and reflect on the daily Gospel readings.
 - Rosary At 10 am each Sunday before Mass, the rosary is led by volunteers and prayed by many parishioners.
 - Stations of the Cross Liturgical ministers lead the Stations each Friday in Lent for numerous parishioners.
- **6. Church Building**: St. Pius X Church was built in 1959 and renovated in 2009 into a bright, modern worship space; including a new sanctuary and chapel.
- **7.** Accessibility: SPX is located on York Road just north of the City and south of Towson. We are located on a busy thoroughfare with bus service. We have a large parking lot providing easy access to the church. We are ADA compliant and we have an elevator between our church and our community hall below the church.

A parishioner with MS who walks with difficulty recently compared the accessibility of Cathedral, IHM, and SPX:

I drove to the Cathedral and then to Immaculate Heart of Mary today. I've been to each many times before, but I looked at them from a different perspective today. And, one thing I noticed is how difficult accessibility is at the Cathedral. Perhaps I wasn't looking in the right places, but I only saw 4 handicapped parking spots in front of the Cathedral and about 6 or so in a side area (where there is also a spot for the archbishop). The Cathedral is not especially user friendly for parking for someone with walking problems, not to mention the distance you need to travel once you are inside. Immaculate Heart of Mary had a good number of spots close to the church entrance. My other thought was of the accessibility of SPX with a large parking lot with one small step to go up to the patio and then a rail to walk toward the church. From my perspective, St. Pius is hands down the better choice.

- **8. Appearance:** The altar and entire church are always beautifully decorated for each liturgical season, including fresh flowers, plants, and other arrangements. The outside is decorated with seasonal wreaths and the overall grounds are well maintained.
- **9. Social spaces:** Genesis Hall, below the church, is used as an event and meeting space. It has a fully functional kitchen and a performance stage, which are both heavily used for activities. It is handicap accessible with an elevator. The patio at the main side entrance of the church includes tables and chairs, and the space is used for seasonal gatherings.
- **10.** Clergy at SPX: In addition to our Pastor Fr. Jojo, the following clergy have presided over Sunday Masses over the past decade or more and can attest to our uplifting music, ministries, and the active participation of our congregation: Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, Fr. Steven Roth, Fr. Jim Proffit, Fr. Reginald Whitt, Fr. Matt Buening, Fr. Martin Burnham, Fr. Ray Chase.

SPX Is a Charitable, Generous Community

- 1. The Knights of Columbus, Notre Dame Council 2901:
 - 190 active members; many have moved elsewhere, but remain active; 24 of whom are involved in all social and liturgical activities at St. Pius X Parish.
 - Donations:
 - \$250,000 in 2023 to 5 Catholic High Schools (Mercy, ABC, Mt. Carmel, Catholic High, and Mt. St. Joseph) after the council building was sold;
 - St. Elizabeth's School--\$500
 - Deacon Franz Belleza upon his ordination as Deacon in 2023 -\$500
 - o Fr. Joseph Simmons \$500 annually for his work as chaplain
 - o St. Pius X \$500 for flowers and grounds beautification
 - St. Mary's boiler fund in 2023 \$2000
 - New chalice for St. Pius X -\$100
 - Organizes Trunk or Treat each Halloween for community children
 - Works booths at the annual SPX Carnival to raise money for the parish
 - Donated countless hours at the SPX Christmas tree sale that annually raises about \$60,000
 - Provides a free pancake breakfast at St. Mary's before Lent each year
 - Provides 100 food baskets at Christmas to needy families around Baltimore
 - Provides soup each Friday during Lent at SPX before Stations of the Cross
 - Donated coats to GEDCO Cares for needy children in November 2023

- Assists St. Mary of the Assumption with the Four Frenchmen celebration and French Sailors
- **2. Our Daily Bread:** SPX has 40 years of participation in serving those enjoying a meal at ODB. Currently, SPX has 6 volunteers who deliver approximately 35 to 40 casseroles every month to ODB. Several volunteers who have served food at ODB every week for many, many years.
- **3. Pregnancy Center North**: This organization is supported by both the Knights of Columbus and the Social Action Committee at SPX by direct monetary contributions as well as with baby items.
- **4. School Supplies:** St. Jerome's receives school supplies almost every year from SPX at the start of the school year.
- **5. GEDCO:** GEDCO food pantry on Woodbourne Ave. has been the recipient of non-perishable food items for 20 years or more from SPX parishioners. The average bi-weekly delivery consists of at least 20 bags of food. The food donation is supplemented by fresh vegetables and fruit grown in SPX's "Giving Garden" staffed by volunteers and funded by sponsors such as local funeral homes, WMAR, and Knights of Columbus. Volunteers also bring overage food from Our Daily Bread to GECDO food pantry each month.
- **6. Giving Tree:** For at least 20 years, each Christmas, the Social Action Committee has sponsored a Giving Tree that collects gift cards, food, toys, and clothing for approximately 50 needy families in Baltimore City.
- **7. Grateful Hearts Fund**: This fund began about 10 years ago to raise money for families and individuals in our community who suddenly found themselves without the resources for an emergency need: tires for a car; the loss of belongings after a fire, etc. Since 2022, the SPX Poor Box has been dedicated twice a year (Christmas and Easter) for this fund. In that time, the fund has raised almost \$16,000 provided 53 families with gift cards for food at local grocery stores.

SPX Is an Environmental Steward Caring for God's Creation

St. Pius X was recently recognized as a "Faith Community Spotlight" in the Catholic Charities *Social Justice Tool Kit* as an example of "The Principle Lived Out" for its work as an environmental steward.

Giving Garden:

Our Giving Garden is located just south of the rectory and has supplied fresh fruit and vegetables to local food pantries for the past 5 years. Last season we donated 1,300 lbs of produce to the pantries at the Associated Churches of Towson Assistance Center (ACTC) and GEDCO Cares in Govans. Twenty-five dedicated volunteers (ages 7 to 77), plant, water, harvest, pack, and deliver every Tues/Thurs, and Saturday morning. "Seed" money is provided by local businesses.

Saint Francis Bio-retention Garden:

SPX was built on a hill with an underground stream running through the property. To filter the storm water that runs off the property, we built a bio-retention facility/garden to prevent pollutants from flowing into the Inner Harbor and Chesapeake Bay. The garden is full of native

plants and flowers that provide a home for birds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. Parishioners and neighbors volunteer regularly to maintain the garden. Over the years, benches and birdbaths have been added to provide a peaceful, prayerful greenspace for parishioners and the local community.

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SPX is Highly Visible

Thousands of commuters pass by St. Pius X Church as they travel between the City and County on York Road. As explained further below, SPX is a welcoming and accessible church, on a bus line and with easy parking. We also have all the amenities required—including a school, which although closed, is still available.

Conclusion

The loss of St. Pius X on the York Road corridor and within an area of almost a thousand registered Catholics would negatively impact the potential for evangelization in the North and Northeast areas of the City.

If St. Pius X is not to remain as a standalone parish, we welcome the opportunity to be a separate worship center aligned with Immaculate Heart of Mary as was proposed in the model prior to the recent announcement. We would also welcome becoming the site of an Hispanic or Filipino ministry, as both are very much needed in this area.

We understand there are many hard decisions to be made in re-imagining the Church and how to best serve the people of Baltimore City. We fully support the vision of Seek the City to expand the Catholic Church's ministries to those in need in the City. We also prayerfully know and believe we can be part of the solution.

Grace and blessings,

The St. Pius X Lay Ministry Leaders

Parish Council	Finance Council	Corporator
Margie Brassil	Skip Falatko	Monica Crusse
Liturgy	Music	Knights of Columbus
Helen Aberle	Kevin Cronin	Barry Schech
Ushers and Corporator	Prayer Ministries	Social Action/Environmental
Robert Stryjewski	Cherie Weinert	Elizabeth Wagner

EXHIBIT 4



Archdiocese of Baltimore

Internal Audit Report

St. Pius X Roman Catholic Congregation, Incorporated

For the twelve months ended June 30, 2022

Field work Completed: May 18, 2023

Auditor: Weyrich, Cronin & Sorra, LLC

Date of Issuance: June 28, 2023



ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - JUNE 30, 2022 ST. PIUS X PARISH

Parish Address: 6428 York Rd. Baltimore, MD 21212		Pastor: Rev. Jose Op	palda	Number:	2206	Eastern Vicar: Rev. Msgr. Jay O'Connor	
Fiscal Year of Current June 30, 2022	Audit:		ear of Previous Aud June 30, 2017	it:	Ex	it Conference Date: May 24, 2023	
	Routine			☐ Financial Concerns/Overdue Receivables			
Type of Audit: □	Change in Past	or/Principal	☐ Theft/Fraud				
	Requested By:				Other: Repor	ting/Outstanding Receivables	
Significant Findings/Recomme	endations:		Parish Response to	o Recomm	endations:		
 Negative Trend in Financial Due Liabilities Improper Offertory Count Pro 		nificant Past-	the Advancemento increase inco Finance Council The Parish plans	nt Dept to come. The Fapprove and to implement implement to implement	liscuss a Fall O Parish plans to ny expenses over nent a new cour	are scheduling a meeting with ffertory/Stewardship Campaign implement a plan to have the er a specific amount. In team consisting of 4 people. Pearching for the additional two	
FINANCIAL INFORMA	ATION						
Assets:	@ Ju	ne 30, 2022	Summary of O	perations:		© 1 00 0000	
Cash & Investments	\$	18,3	331			@ June 30, 2022	
Endowments		16,6	.646 Offertory \$		\$ 325,742		
IPLF		40,0	70tal Ope	Total Operating Expense		537,942	
Liabilities:	@ Ju	ne 30, 2022	Total Ope			757,333	
Insurance	\$	37,9	Net Opera			(219,390)	
School Assessment			0 Increase/(decrease) – 1 yr		(86,206)		
Cathedraticum		50,7	755 Increase/	Increase/(decrease) – 3 yr		(203,128)	
OTHER				1			
G/L Package: QuickBooks Online			# of Families FY22: 1,763				
Payroll Service: UltiPro			Change in # of Families – 2 yrs: +500				
Pastoral Council President: Ca	rol Green		Cemetery: No				
Finance Committee Chair: Fran	ncis Falatko		Current Campaigns	s: No			
Accounting Staff: Sabrina Perd	ue		Capital Projects: N	0			



ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION – JUNE 30, 2022 St. Pius x parish

Rev. Jose Opalda Pastor St. Pius X Parish 6428 York Rd. Baltimore, MD 21212

During the week of April 24, 2023, representatives of Weyrich, Cronin & Sorra, LLC, in association with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, performed internal auditing procedures on the financial information of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Baltimore, Maryland for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The internal control policies and the results of the Parish's financial reporting process were compared with the recommended policies of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to determine the level of compliance with these policies. The overall control environment was found to be adequate in most significant areas. The following exceptions were noted during audit fieldwork and based on Archdiocesan guidelines the associated recommendations have been provided for The Parish's consideration.

The results of the audit, as detailed in this report, were discussed with the Pastor and his administrative team during the exit conference on May 18, 2023. Responses to the comments and suggestions for implementation have been provided by the Pastor.

While performing audit fieldwork, it was determined that 13 out of 19 internal control recommendations from the Fiscal Year 2017 audit report were implemented. The internal audit reports are not only intended to determine compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines, but also to identify risks to parishes and to provide recommendations to ensure proper stewardship. The Parish should keep in mind that insurance coverage and related deductibles can be negatively impacted by a lack of proper internal controls.

Areas of Significant Concern:

Negative Trend in Financial Performance/Significant Past-Due Liabilities

During our review, we determined that the Parish has a significant amount of money that it owes the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Specifically, the Parish owed the following liabilities as of June 30, 2022:

• Cathedraticum \$50,755 (FY22)

Health & Benefits 21,528 (FY22)

• Prop & Casualty 16,458 (FY22)

Total \$88,741

In addition, we are concerned because the Parish has been operating at a deficit for 5 of the past 5 years: FY'22 - (\$219,300); FY'21 - \$(133,184); FY'20 - \$(108,136); FY'19 - \$(16,262); and FY'18 - \$(22,345) and the Parish has virtually no operating cash.

Policy states that Parishes should be administered in a manner so that they maintain a Net Surplus (i.e. Total Income greater than Total Expenses within each year; Assets less Liabilities). Policy also states that Cathedraticum tax is to be paid at least quarterly and that any remaining balance due should be paid by August 15th when the Parish's annual financial report is filed.¹

Recommendation:

The Pastor should continue to work with his Finance Committee, Business Manager and Regional Controller to identify strategies to increase revenue and thoroughly analyze all operating expenses to minimize the operating deficit. Once that has been accomplished, the Pastor should work with his finance team to closely monitor the Parish's financial results and develop a financial plan to return the Parish to a break-even budget.

Parish Response:

The Parish is in the process of moving our offices to the rectory to reduce maintenance costs. The Business Manager and Finance Chair are scheduling a meeting with the Advancement Department to discuss a Fall Offertory/Stewardship Campaign to increase income. The Parish plans to implement a plan to have the Finance Council approve any expenses over a specific amount.

Improper Offertory Count Procedures

During our review of the offertory count process, as well as, 50% of the count sheets for the year under review, we determined:

- The Parish has only 2 count teams;
- In 11 instances, offertory was counted by less than 3 individuals; and,
- In 30 instances, offertory was counted by the same individual on consecutive weeks.

Policy states that four counting teams should be used to count funds and all counting teams should consist of at least 3 individuals. Policy also states that the same individuals should not be allowed to count funds on consecutive weeks.²

Recommendation:

The Pastor should recruit additional counters to enable to Parish to create 4 count teams that rotate on a weekly basis, with each team consisting of at least three members (all unrelated). In addition, offertory count procedures should be reinforced with all counters. Specifically, individuals should be told that they are not allowed to count money on

¹ AOB Policy Manual, Division of Fiscal Services, Section 101.1 - Annual Budget

² AOB Policy Manual, Division of Fiscal Services, Section 103.3 - Counting Procedures

consecutive weeks and Parish Corporators, Pastoral Council/Finance Committee members and employees, especially those with the ability to input transactions into the general ledger access, should not be allowed to count offertory.

Parish Response:

The Parish plans to implement a new count team consisting of 4 people. We have two of the four committed but searching for the additional two members.

Areas for Additional Improvement:

Items Noted Potential Improvement/Recommendation 1. During our review of the general The Business Manager should work with ledger, we determined that asset and the Regional Controller to research these liability accounts are not reconciled. accounts and post the appropriate entries to We identified several accounts with correct the general ledger. In addition, the unreconciled balances as of June 30, Business Manager should reconcile all 2022, that need to be researched and asset and liability accounts to 3rd party corrected including: statements (if provided) monthly. • a/c 1111-06 (balance \$718) - no activity during FY'22; • a/c 1111.07 (balance \$12,260) - no activity during FY'22; • a/c 1111.08 (balance \$-4,044) - no activity during FY'22; • a/c 1130.01 (balance \$1,146) - no activity during FY'22; • a/c 1260 (balance \$23,733) - no activity during FY'22; • a/c 1310-09 (balance \$2,125) - no activity during FY'22; • a/c 2210 (balance \$-6,669) -balance not reconciled; • a/c 2290 (balance \$-132,279) balance not reconciled; • a/c 2310 (balance \$45,554) balance not reconciled; and, • a/c 2410 (balance \$14,482) balance not reconciled.

Parish Response: The parish plans to work with our Regional Controller and Auditors to make journal entries to merge/remove the accounts that have no activity and the intercompany accounts.

- 2. During our review of the 12 bank statements and bank reconciliations for FY'22 we identified the following exceptions:
 - The Pastor does not regularly sign checks. We tested all checks issued in February 2022 and noted that 46% of the checks were signed by the Deacon;
 - The Parish did not have a copy of the bank signature card; and,
 - There were 5 checks outstanding longer than six months at fiscal yearend, totaling \$6,055.

The Pastor should be the primary check signer to ensure proper oversight and monitoring of Parish expenses. In addition, the Parish should contact their bank and request a copy of the bank signature card. Finally, the Business Manager should research the outstanding checks and post the appropriate entries to correct the general ledger.

Parish Response: The parish is implementing a plan/process to ensure the pastor signs more checks. We have contacted PNC to retrieve a copy of the signature cards – waiting for their response. The parish will contact the vendors of the outstanding checks to advise them that new checks will be sent out to them.

- 3. During our review of the disbursements for the fiscal year under audit, we identified the following exceptions:
 - In 2 instances (electronic payments), totaling \$5,452, the supporting documentation for electronic was not signed by the Pastor to evidence his authorization;
 - In 2 instances (checks), totaling \$1,515, the supporting documentation was not signed by the Pastor to evidence his authorization; and,
 - In 1 instance, the Pastor's professional expense reimbursement check was not signed by a Corporator or Finance Committee Chairperson.

The Pastor should sign the supporting documentation for Parish expenses to evidence his authorization. In addition, checks issued to the Pastor for reimbursements should be signed by a Corporator or the Finance Committee Chairperson.

Parish Response: Parish will ensure the pastor has signed invoices/payment receipts for any electronic payments. Parish will work with Corporators/Councils to advise their signatures on Pastor's checks.

4. The Parish has a dual signature policy in place requiring checks above \$5,000 to be signed by two authorized check signers. However, we identified 5 instances (totaling \$75,032) where a check exceeded that threshold but was only signed by the Pastor.

The Business Manager should ensure that any checks exceeding the Parish's dual signature policy are signed by two authorized check signers. In addition, during the Pastor's review of the bank statement, he should review canceled check images to ensure that any checks exceeding the dual signature policy were signed by two authorized check signers.

Parish Response: The parish will ask the Finance Council Chair to be a signer on the account, in the event the Pastor is unavailable to dually sign a check with the Deacon.

5. Based on a review of vendors for 2022, we identified 6 vendors (totaling \$23,669) that should have received an IRS Form 1099 but did not.

Any vendors that are not incorporated and receive more than \$600 during the calendar year should receive an IRS Form 1099. In addition, the Parish should utilize the Expenses by Vendor Summary report to ensure the list of vendors receiving an IRS Form 1099 is complete.

Parish Response: The parish will ensure W9's are sent out annually and make sure that information is updated in QB for correct 1099 reporting.

- 6. The Parish owns 5 credit cards (Home Depot, Bank of America, Lowes, Staples, and PNC) that are used by various individuals to purchase materials/services for the Parish. We reviewed 2 credit card statements for each credit card the Parish owns and determined:
 - Credit limits for the PNC, Home Depot and Lowe's cards should be lowered from \$21,000, \$7,500 and \$8,800, respectively; and,
 - The business purpose was not noted on credit card receipts.

The Parish should lower the credit limits on the PNC, Home Depot, and Lowes cards to a more reasonable limit (i.e. \$5,000). In addition, credit card users must ensure that cards are used only for Parish business and that detailed receipts, including the specific business purposes, are attached to the statement for all credit card purchases.

Parish Response: The parish plans to contact the credit card companies and request a reduction in our credit limit.

7. During our review of the quarterly and annual reports filed with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we determined that the Parish's FY'22 Annual Financial Report was not approved by the Pastor. The Pastor and Business Manager asserted that the report was reviewed by the Pastor prior to submission.

The Business Manager should ensure the Pastor approves the Annual Financial Report in the AOB Web Reporting System each year.

Parish Response: The Business Manager will ensure she 'checks' the box stating that the annual reports were approved by the Pastor.

8. The Pastor does not have "Read-Only" The Pastor does to QuickBooks Online as recommended by the Archdiocese.

The Pastor should have "Read-Only" access to QuickBooks Online in order to assist him in monitoring the Parish's finances.

Parish Response: The Business Manager has sent the invite for 'Read-Only' access to the Pastor.

EXHIBIT 5

CONDITION ASSESSMENT EVALUATION ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 19, 2024

Prepared By
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Parishioner of St. Pius X Catholic Church

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The summary of the current physical plant condition of St. Pius X Church, located at 6428 York Road, Baltimore, MD, 21212, is as follows. The physical building was constructed in 1959 and has been well maintained by staff assigned to the church. A major capital renovation of the facility was undertaken in 2008-2009 and included upgrades or replacement to interior finishes, lighting systems, heating plant components, air conditioning systems, restrooms, electrical distribution components, egress signage, fire alarm components, and the addition of an elevator.

1. Heating and Cooling Central Plant System:

- The steam boilers, condensate pumping, and controls were replaced with the capital renovation program and are approximately 15 years old.
- The chiller is approximately 25 years old. The unit exhibits signs of corrosion on the exterior cladding, but otherwise appears well maintained.
- The piping system serving the plant is original to the building constructed

2. Air Handling Units:

• The two air handling units serving the lower-level parish hall, and the upper-level church are original to the building. The units are well maintained.

3. Plumbing System:

- The restrooms within the building were upgraded during the capital renovation.
- ADA bathroom facilities are available within the building

4. Electrical Power Distribution System:

- The main incoming power distribution panel was replaced with the major capital renovation.
- The conductor and conduit is likely original to the existing building, except for new devices installed with the capital renovation.

5. Lighting System:

- The majority of the lighting system was replaced during the major capital renovation.
- A new lighting control system was installed with the capital renovation and is still in use.

6. Roofing and Building Enclosure Systems:

- The building envelop is a stone facade
- The slate roofing system is original to the building and appears to be in good to excellent condition.
- The rain gutters and downspouts need repair or replacement.

7. Windows and Doors

- The windows are primarily stained glass with protective exterior clear panels. The frames of the windows have been maintained with new paint as needed.
- The doors are primarily wood doors that have been painted and/or repaired as needed.

8. Interior Finishes

• The interior finishes of the church were mostly replaced or refinished during the capital renovation and are in very good condition.

I. DESCRIPTION AND CONDITION OF PHYSICAL PLANT

1.1 <u>Introduction</u>

St Pius X Catholic Church, located at 6428 York Road, Baltimore Maryland, 21212, was constructed and dedicated in 1959. The church is a stone façade with a slate roof, stained glass windows, and wood doors. The facility has been well maintained throughout the life of the church, with specific maintenance and upgrades to many aspects of the facility occurring over the past 20-25 years. The church presents well for a physical facility that is nearly 65 years old. The interior of the church has been renovated and is brightly lit and the indoor ambient temperature is comfortable throughout the four seasons of the mid-Atlantic region.



Photo 1: Exterior of St. Pius X Catholic Church



Photo 2: Interior Photo of St. Pius X Catholic Church

The landscaping and grounds of St. Pius X Church campus are well maintained and attractive. A bioretention garden was installed in 2016 to reduce stormwater drainage from the facility into the Baltimore County stormwater system. The rain garden consists of stone basin inlet channel which transfers stormwater from the parking lot to a drainage basin. The drainage basin contains native and non-native plants and has a sub-basin drainage structure to allow for stormwater infusion to the ground.



Photo 3: Landscaping and Stormwater Management Facility/Rain Garden

1.2 **Operating Systems**

1. Heating and Cooling Central Plant System: Condition is Fair

- The steam boilers, condensate pumping, and controls were replaced with the capital renovation program and are approximately 15 years old. Chemical feed for the steam system is currently in use by the maintenance staff.
- The chiller is a 120-ton air-cooled condensing unit and is approximately 25 years old. The unit exhibits signs of corrosion on the exterior cladding, but otherwise appears well maintained. Based upon the condition of the unit, it would be expected that the unit could serve the facility for another 10+ years with more frequent maintenance.
- The piping system serving the plant is original to the building constructed. With the chemical treatment system in place and being used, the piping system is in good condition for its age, however, items such as elbows and joints may need maintenance more frequently in the future.





Photo 4a: Existing Steam Boiler System



Photo 4b: Existing Chilled Water System

2. Air Handling Units: Condition is Fair to Poor

- The two air handling units serving the parish hall, and the upper-level church are original
 to the building. The units are well maintained, but have reached the end of their intended
 life-cycle. The unit simplicity, which includes a fan with a belt drive sheave, a heating coil,
 and a cooling coil, has made repair relatively simple over the extended operation of the
 units.
- Outdoor air ventilation is not routed through the units, but rather induced into the spaces with operable windows, which is code compliant.

3. Plumbing System and Bathrooms: Condition is Good to Fair

- The restrooms within the building were upgraded during the capital renovation. The restroom systems adjacent to the sanctuary are clean and functional.
- ADA accessible toilet fixtures are available on the upper level and lower level. The lower level can be accessed with an elevator.



Photo 5: Upper Unisex Bathroom

4. Electrical Power Distribution System: Condition is Good to Fair

- The main incoming power distribution panel was replaced with the major capital renovation.
- The conductor and conduit serving equipment and devices throughout the facility is likely original to the existing building, except for new devices installed with the capital renovation.

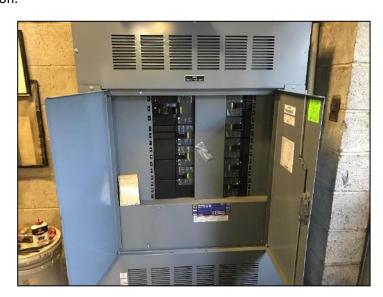


Photo 6: Existing Elecrical System

5. Lighting System: Condition is Good

- The majority of the lighting system was replaced during the major capital renovation.
 - Recessed downlights are LED.
 - Chandeliers are original to the building and luminaires have been converted to LFD
- A new lighting control system was installed with the capital renovation and is still in use.

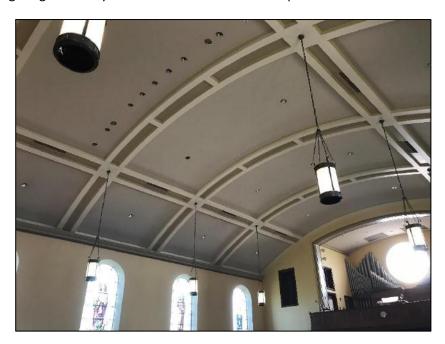


Photo 7: Interior Lighting Systems

1.3 Building Envelop and Interior Finishes

1. Roofing And Envelop Systems: Condition is Fair to Good

- The slate roofing system is original to the building. The roof is in good condition, primarily due to the slope of the roof allowing water and snow to quickly drain from the surface.
- The rain gutters and downspouts along the perimeter of the roof need repair or replacement. The gutters are in poor condition.
- The building envelope is a stone (appears to be natural stone) façade with mortar
 joints. The mortar jointing throughout the façade is in good to fair condition with little
 evidence of any required repointing. The stone coping on the chimney does require
 some repair.







Photo 8: Roofing and Envelope System

2. Windows and Doors: Condition is Fair

- The windows are original to the building. The frames of the windows have been maintained with new paint as needed. For their age, the windows are in fair condition, with the metal frame requiring recurring painting.
 - The upper windows are stained glass with an exterior protective single glazed clear glass system with metal framing.
 - The lower windows are single panes, colored glass with metal framing.
- The doors are primarily wood doors that have been painted and/or repaired as needed. The doors are in good to fair condition, with the doors requiring recurring painting.







Photo 9: Exterior Windows and Doors

3. Interior Finishes and Accessories: Condition is Excellent to Good

- The interior finishes of the church were mostly replaced or refinished during the capital renovation and are in very good condition.
- The flooring material within the main congregant seating area is a combination of wood, carpeting and stone/ceramic tiles and they are in good condition.
- The altar was replaced during the capital renovation and is a combination of stone tiles and wood flooring.
- The flooring within the chapel area is a combination of stone tiles and wood flooring.
- Wood paneling along the perimeter of the seating area is original to the building and well maintained.
- The altar area was replaced during the capital renovation program.
- The church was repainted during the capital renovation program.
- The public address (PA) and music system was replaced during the capital renovation program.

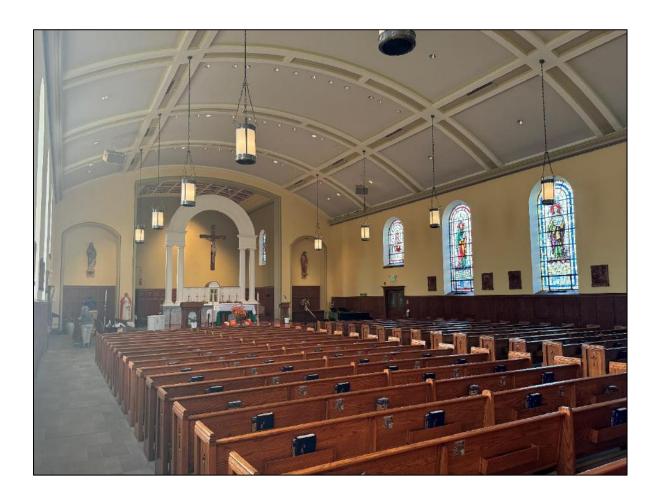


Photo 10: Interior Finishes and Accessories

EXHIBIT 6

ST. PIUS X PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Debts Parish Owes to Archdiocese of Baltimore

School Debts

Unpaid Benefits \$ 218,183.15 Teacher and school staff's unpaid benefits

(2020-2021)

Parish Debts \$ 336,242.25 This amount is for Parish cathedraticum, benefits

and property insurance

TOTAL: \$ 554,425.40

2. Deferred Payments. The Archdiocese deferred Parish payment of benefits and property insurance for two years (FY2022- FY2023) pending the sale of the school. In September 2024, the Archdiocese began requiring the Parish to repay these debts at a rate of \$20,000 a month. This was the reason given to the Parish Leadership as to why the Parish would be unable to afford staff after September 30, 2024, and would be out of operating funds as of October 31, 2024 (see Decree of Canonical Parish Merger- St. Pius X Parish).

3. Operating Deficit. According to the "Seek the City - Parish Information Package" (p. 9), St. Pius X had a 5-Year average operating deficit of \$99,863 from 2017-2022. These deficits were primarily due to school building maintenance costs the Parish inherited before and after the school closed. ¹

FY 22: \$101,419.76 FY 23: \$99,167.23

These expenses were for utilities, maintenance, contracted facility services, phone (Verizon), property and casualty insurance, Wells Fargo (school copier), and technology expenses.

FY 24: \$46,018.20

The FY 24 school expenses are considerably less because the parish center moved back to the Rectory in the middle of 2023, therefore the school building's utilities were greatly reduced, and there was a large reduction in property & casualty insurance coverage and related premium, as well as the ending of various contractual obligations.

¹ St. Pius X Church, Transaction Report, July 2021-June 2022, "School Building Expenses." St. Pius X Church, Transaction Report, July 2022 – June 2023, "School Building Expense Projection".

4. Parish Direct Financial Support of School. In addition to the operating deficit noted above in 3, the Parish provided direct financial support for the school between FY 2017 and FY 2021 for urgent needs such as payroll, large, unexpected repairs, etc. The cumulative direct parish financial support of the school was \$222,266 when it closed in June 2021.

Deferred Maintenance. "Seek the City - Parish Information Package - "St. Pius X" p. 6, states that St. Pius X has a deferred maintenance cost of \$839,290 as of 2022. We do not know on what the Archdiocese based this figure, unless it is also related to the school building. According to a professional engineer's assessment of St. Pius X Church building, it is generally in "fair" to "excellent" condition, with only the air handling units being rated "fair to poor."

- **5. Church Repairs:** Between 2008 and 2009, St. Pius X parishioners raised and spent \$2.3 million to extensively renovate the church, including rebuilding the altar and moving it closer to the parishioners, new electric and lighting enhancements, improved sound system, adding an elevator for full access, adding a handicapped accessible bathroom, improved meeting space, painting, and pew refinishing, among other upgrades.
- **6. School Sale:** The Archdiocese listed the school for sale at \$5.3 million. It had received at least two "letters of intent" for \$6.0M and \$5.3M for +/- 5.5 acres and 5.3 acres, respectively, that are known of, but parishioners have not been given direct information on the possible real estate transactions.

In Conclusion: If the school building were to be sold, all debt and payables would be paid off and a material surplus would remain for the Parish to use rebuild the parishioner base, become self-sustaining, and evangelize and minister to the surrounding community.

EXHIBIT 7

REDEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Year Built: 1962 & 1968

- Building Size: ±53,712 SF
- Type: School, gym and former convent
 - School: 2-story, ±27,640 SF
- Gym/School Addition: ±14,570 SF ▶ Former Convent: 2-story, ±9,048
- Basement: ±2,466 SF

- · Construction: Masonry
- Roof: TPO (2019), flat built up over gym
- **Zoning:** DR 5.5
- Parking: Approximately 155 spaces (field verification required). Shared parking with adjacent church.
- R.E. Taxes: Tax Exempt
- Parcel Size: ±5.5 acres
- and convective radiators / Cooling (in limited offices) - Heating/HVAC: Heating - central system with boilers mini-split units
- Uses: Redevelopment for assisted living or townhome development
- Electrical/Power: The main electrical service size is 600 conduit or non-metallic sheathed cable. Circuit breaker amps, 120/208 volt three-phase four-wire alternating current (AC). The electrical wiring is reported to be copper, installed in metallic conduit, flexible metal panels are located throughout the building.
- Fire & Life/Safety: Hydrants, smoke detectors, alarms and extinguishers. Single fire sprinkler zone in former Incinerator Room

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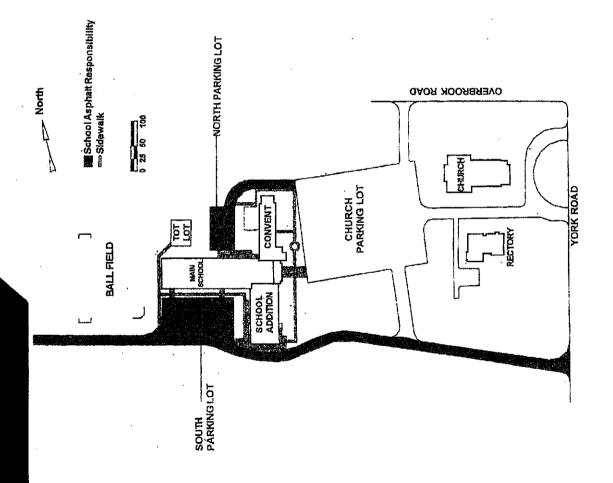
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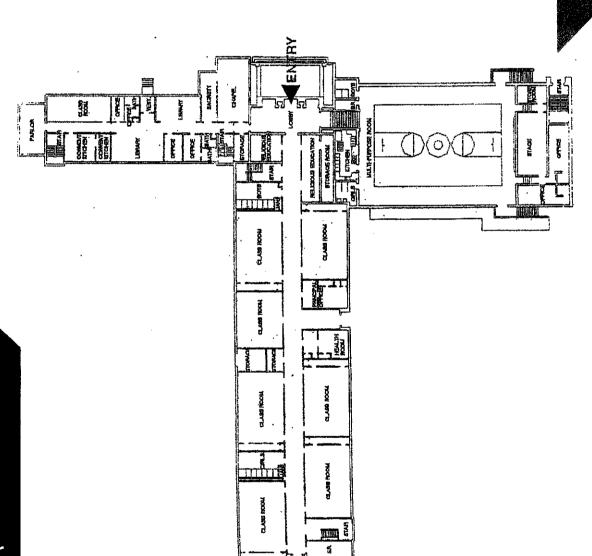
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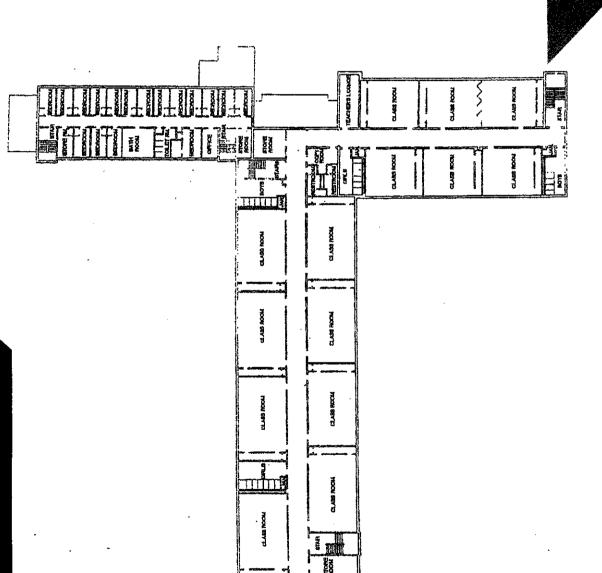
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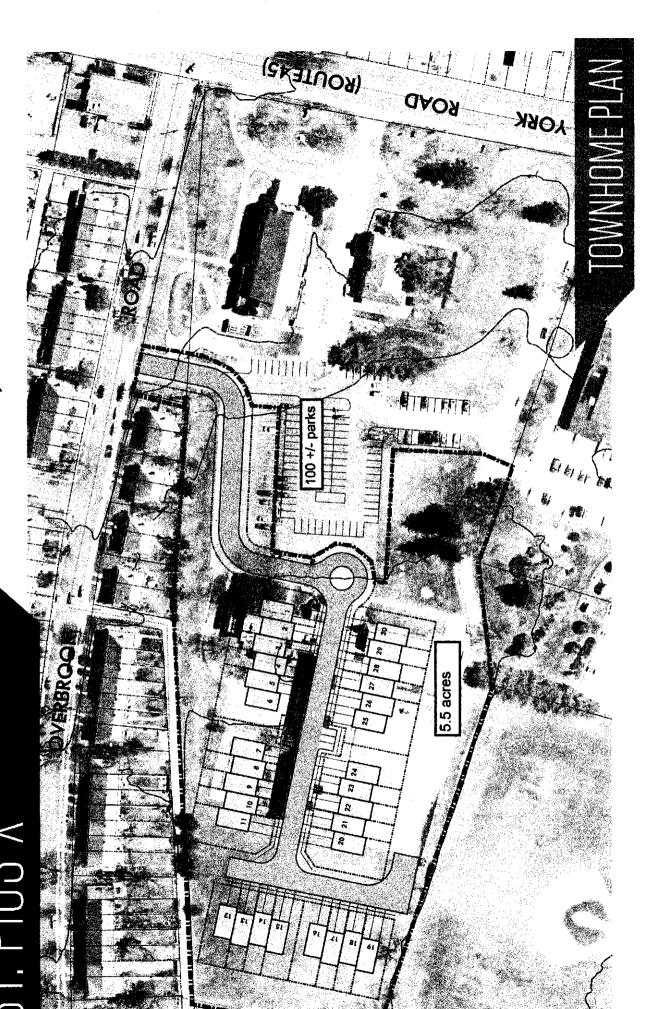
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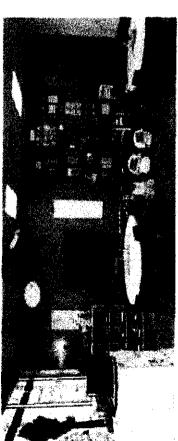




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October 28, 2024

Most Reverend William E. Lori, *Archbishop* Archdiocese of Baltimore 320 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Saint Pius X Parish, Baltimore

Dear Archbishop Lori,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Thank you for scheduling the video meeting with me and the multiple committed parishioners of Saint Pius X. As discussed, here is the proposal from our group to present to His Excellency, Archbishop Lori, for his sincere and serious consideration.

1. The parishioners ask to remain open with a full-time Pastor who shares the goals of parishioners. Saint Pius X has been in decline under the pastorate model in which the pastor served two parishes, one of which was already declining at the time the pastorate was created. The parishioners would like to be provided the chance and opportunity to have a pastor serving only Saint Pius X Parish so that they may be able to demonstrate their ability to evangelize to the many Catholics in the Towson area of Baltimore County who are seeking a home parish.

To this end, we propose a strategic pause on any decision to modify, change, or close Saint Pius X Parish so that the School building can be sold. Once the school building is sold to satisfy all outstanding debt, the parish would be permitted a two (2) year timeframe to demonstrate to the Archdiocese its sustainability, stability, and growth. The parish will focus on outreach, evangelization, and social justice ministries to serve the wider community.

2. An alternative proposal by the Saint Pius X parishioners suggests that the Archdiocese keep Saint Pius X Church open as a Worship Site while officially merged with the Cathedral under Father Bianco as pastor, such that the proposed Saint Pius X Church (Worship site) will have a continuation of weekend Masses (including a return of the Saturday Vigil Liturgy) and celebration of the Sacraments.

With support from Father Bianco and the Institute for Evangelization, Saint Pius X worshippers would create a committee to evangelize to former parishioners and the nearly 1,000 Catholics within a one (1) mile walk of Saint Pius X Church. The Saint Pius X worshippers would work with Father Bianco to expand various ministries, particularly the Social Justice and Environmental ministries. This would also be a basis for the Saint Pius X community to demonstrate (to the Archdiocese) their ability to be self-sustaining and grow over time, under a pastoral leadership who collaboratively works with the Saint Pius X community to implement the goal of sustainability and growth.

We present these proposals as a means to find an off-ramp to this entire matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT C



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November 4, 2024

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Dear Mr. Flummerfelt,

I am writing in response to your letter, dated October 8, 2024, in which you request that I revoke or amend my Decree by which I altered the juridic structure of St. Pius X parish, effective December 1, 2024. I am also in receipt of the documents you delivered to me dated August 27, 2024, and October 28, 2024.

I thank you and several of those you represent for meeting with Bishop Bruce Lewandowski and other members of my staff on Friday, October 25, 2024, to discuss the proposal of those you included in your final letter. I understand the strong feelings that the proposed merger has brought forward from long time parishioners who have been committed to the St. Pius X community for many years. They have experienced many important events at this parish and found support and fellowship among other parishioners. Their good work over the years is to be complimented and their willingness to use their gifts for the good of the Church is a wonderful sign of their commitment to the future of the Church, regardless of which parish they may call their own. I find it encouraging that the parishioners found Father Louis Bianco, the current pastor of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, welcoming and good to work with as they mentioned in the meeting with my staff.

Your most recent letter, received on October 28, 2024, indicated that this group of parishioners was "... seeking to have their own pastor and to continue their current activities for a period of two years after the closed school building is sold or as an alternative, to continue Sunday liturgies at St. Pius X for the foreseeable future." As you will recall, the parish has had debts for 13 of the last 20 years, even if it has been able to raise funds for specific projects. It does not provide any financial path forward except to suggest that the future sale of the shuttered parish school would be the basis for paying the general parish obligations. Your most recent letter also indicates that the parishioners believe that since their neighborhoods are "destinations" for families now, that somehow the decline in

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membership, attendance at Mass and depletion of financial resources that has been documented for the last twenty years will change if they have a full-time pastor they like, can add Sunday Masses and can sell the shuttered school building. The sharing of expenses with St. Mary of the Assumption parish was meant to assist in allowing such a transformation to begin at St. Pius X parish but sadly, this was not the case. It is also clear that the vast majority of Catholics who live within the territory of St. Pius X parish have found their parish home at other parishes. There are several large parishes within easy driving distance of St. Pius X that have the capacity to care for its parishioners, including the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen parish and Catholics from your area appear to have chosen other parishes for themselves and their families.

As mentioned at the meeting with you and the parishioners, the school building owned by St. Pius X parish was closed in 2021. The parish has been struggling financially for a long time as was confirmed by the parishioners themselves and indicated by the necessary closure of the school given the debt it had incurred for the parish along with ever declining enrollment. The closure of the school was certainly a sign of continuing decline for St. Pius parish. Any funds obtained from the sale of parish owned property belongs to the parish not the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the latter entity being under the authority of the federal bankruptcy courts. The funds would remain with the parish whether the property was owned by St. Pius X parish or the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen parish.

The St. Pius X school and the parish church are currently located on a single parcel of land and would need to be subdivided into two parcels in order to sell the school separately. In Baltimore County, where the parish is located, it takes at least 18 months to subdivide a parcel of this type given all that is required to accomplish this change. The proposal by the parishioners is that funds generated from the sale of this asset would be used to finance the daily operations of the parish since it currently lacks any funds to do so as of October 1, 2024. Thus, the proposal to allow the parish to continue as a standalone parish could not even begin for at least that length of time, thus incurring even more debt from an unknown source since the Archdiocese of Baltimore is in no position to provide such funds. In my view, this would hardly be a decision reflecting the good stewardship of parish funds given the current financial situation at the parish. Thus, I cannot grant the request included in your October 28, 2024.

It saddens me that you have indicated that some of the St. Pius X parishioners would not consider bringing their many gifts and spiritual experiences to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen or another community of their choice. While I understand the anger and upset of parishioners about this difficult change, I cannot see any other way forward given the facts of this matter.

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It is not easy for me to share that I have decided not to revoke nor amend my decision regarding St. Pius X parish. This letter stands as my response to your request, in accordance with canon 1735 of the Code of Canon Law.

The parish of Cathedral of Mary Our Queen will take on the responsibility of caring for the church and its property as noted in the original decree of merger. The church building will still be available for certain sacramental services, such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. As you are already aware, I have already granted the request that Sunday Masses continue at St. Pius X church through the end of December 2024.

I understand that this is not the response that was hoped for, and I acknowledge the challenges the parishioners are facing as the merger progresses. For these parishioners this parish has undoubtedly been a place where their relationships with the Lord and their faith have been nurtured and supported. I urge them to work with their pastor and parish leadership during this time of change and transition. I pray that their gifts will be part of its future.

If those you represent are aggrieved by my decision, they have the right to make recourse to the Dicastery for the Clergy in Rome, in accordance with canon 1737. Any request for recourse must be postmarked no later than 15 business days from your receipt of the present letter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori

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Archbishop of Baltimore

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EXHIBIT D

Towson has rare chance to acquire St. Pius X land amid space crunch

Rona Kobell

5/15/2024 3:00 p.m. EDT



The St. Pius X school closed in 2021 and the Archdiocese of Baltimore is selling the parcel that includes the school, the parking lot, and several athletic fields.

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Growing up in Towson, Stephen Giordani played sports on the same fields his 10-year-old daughter, Isabella, uses now. Except the county seat's population has swelled by more than 20% <u>since 1990</u>, the number of young people playing sports has more than doubled, and field space is at such a premium that Isabella's soccer matches start at 9:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The hemmed-in communities around the city line have a rare opportunity to change that with the possible opportunity to acquire almost 13 acres of land behind St. Pius X Church at 6428 York Road. The school closed in 2021 due to low enrollment; the Archdiocese of Baltimore is selling the parcel that includes the school, the parking lot, and several athletic fields.

"It's very challenging," said Giordani, president of the <u>Towson Recreation Council</u>, which provides baseball, lacrosse, basketball and soccer leagues for about 7,000 participants. "It all comes down to available field space."

Last Thursday evening, close to 100 residents from eight surrounding neighborhoods packed the Idlewylde Town Hall to support County Councilman Mike Ertel's plan to ask County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr. for help purchasing the property to keep it as green space. It would be a small request compared to the Randallstown library and recreation center combination the county announced on May 8, which includes \$10 million in county funds.

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"We often get bypassed in Towson because the mantra is, 'You're already

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was a long-time community activist before he ran for the council. "Newer communities like Perry Hall and Owings Mills planned for green space, but Towson was built a long time ago. We're playing catch-up in the middle of the county."

Though the archdiocese recently announced <u>plans</u> to close the St. Pius X church and merge that parish with the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, that decision is not final and is not part of this discussion. The asking price for the field and school property is \$4.6 million, Ertel said. It is zoned for residential use, but no developers have yet entered into a contract. That may be because the appraised value of the site is \$2.25 million, Ertel said.

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While that may sound low for a desirable area along transit and close to the city, Ertel said the site would need proper subdivision, stormwater, and sewer capacity, all of which might cost more than a developer could make selling the single-family homes that could be built there.

Ertel can also downzone the property as part of the <u>comprehensive rezoning</u> <u>process</u>, which happens every four years and is set for September. Because of councilmanic courtesy, that decision is more or less at his sole discretion. Downzoning the land could lower the price, as it decreases the options of what could be built there. The downzoning suggestion brought applause from the audience. They represented the neighborhoods of Stoneleigh, Anneslie, Loch Hill, Idlewylde, Rodgers Forge, Gaywood, Lake Walker, and Bellona-Gittings.

Del. Cathi Forbes, who represents the area, said Program Open Space, the state program to buy land threatened by development, could provide some funding, but will not purchase property above the appraised value. That means Ertel will need the county executive to kick in extra money.

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"I'm going to try as hard as I can," Ertel said, to more applause.

The need for more fields in the county has become more pressing since the 1980s, when girls' sports, lacrosse in particular, exploded in popularity. As more immigrants have relocated to the county, many have showed up in the evenings for soccer games and have had to wait until late at night for available fields.

The situation is about to become more acute as the county embarks on a plan for a new Towson High School that will make the fields inaccessible for a time, Giordani said. Already, teams are practicing at Meadowood Regional Park, near Greenspring Station and a 15-minute drive from the neighborhoods around St. Pius. Other options include the Northeast Regional Education Center in Parkville and the fields at Dumbarton Middle School, which Giordani said are not in great shape.

Ertel and Forbes encouraged community members to write to the county executive as well as the archdiocese and prevail upon them to save a community asset.

St. Pius holds a special place in the hearts of many residents because they played sports, attended elementary school, or enjoyed the annual carnival there. The property is about a century old; it began life as the St. Vincent De Paul Male Orphan Asylum, and then became a <u>school</u> in the 1950s.

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Giordani is hopeful the rec council can save the portion of the school with the gym for basketball and the possible expansion of other indoor sports, like martial arts.

In addition to an amenity for athletes, keeping the fields green will also help the county decrease impervious surfaces and help the environment, said Beth Bone Miller of the Green Towson Alliance. For the Rodgers Forge community, which abuts the field, the fields are crucial open-air space in a community of rowhouses and apartments. A new development on Bellona Avenue has taken many of the community's beloved trees, said Jamie Norwood, president of the Rodgers Forge Community Association.

"This is one of the rare opportunities to get ahead of something," Norwood said.

"And we need to make sure our voices are heard, because once it's sold, it's too late."

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November 18, 2024

His Eminence Cardinal Lazzaro You Heung-sik Prefect of the Dicastery for the Clergy

Your Eminence,

As the Maryland state legislator representing the Towson area, I write to ask you to reconsider the decision by the Archdiocese of Baltimore to close Saint Pius X Parish. Saint Pius is a part of our vibrant community, and the dedicated parishioners deserve the opportunity to preserve and grow the flock of this important institution.

St. Pius X has been an integral part of our community since the parish was founded in 1958. The members have a longstanding commitment to worship, education, and service in the Roman Catholic tradition. Always inviting the community in, I have attended mass at St. Pius, along with weddings, baptisms, and the celebration of First Communions. The annual Christmas tree sales and spring carnival are part of the larger communities' traditions.

In the spring of 2021, the Archdiocese of Baltimore closed the Saint Pius X school building. Soon after the Archdiocese placed the school property for sale. Although the county government has made offers on the property, to date there has been no contract of sale. As the state representative, and in coordination with the county representative, we continue working on a plan to use public funds to purchase the Saint Pius X school property.

This property is ideally situated adjacent to an existing county park. Currently, we have a severe shortage of parks and recreational space in the area. The neighboring communities are filled with young families. The Recreation Council in the area is one of the busiest in the state of Maryland. We have a desperate need for more fields for sports. The St. Pius school property being adjacent to an existing park makes it a logical place for expansion. Additionally, our community is entirely built out. There are not large parcels of land awaiting development; that makes this opportunity for a park on the St. Pius X school property site a unique opportunity.

It is my understanding that once the St. Pius X school property is sold, those funds would be the property of the St. Pius X Parish. This funding would allow them to pay off debts and work to increase the number of active members in their parish. This seems like a reasonable request. Our community is vibrant, and Maryland has a long tradition of being a home to many of the Catholic faith.

Thank you for considering this issue closely. We ask that you allow the continued worship at Saint Pius X Parish.

Sincerely,



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November 15, 2024

His Eminence Cardinal Lazzaro You Heung-sik Perfect of the Dicastery for the Clergy

Your Eminence,

My name is Michael Ertel and I am the Baltimore County Councilperson that represents the Towson area where the St. Pius X Catholic Church is located. I am also Catholic and a 30 year resident of the Towson area. Since its inception, St. Pius has had a wonderful influence in our Towson community.

When I think about the mission of the Catholic church in modern day America - it is a narrative about why a parish like St. Pius should stay part of the Towson community.

St. Pius is located in a thriving part of Baltimore County with several walkable neighborhoods surrounding it. These neighborhoods are currently filled with young families who need spiritual guidance and religious education. Youth need Sunday school and teen groups to help them grow up knowing there is spiritual purpose for their lives.

Adults need guidance on how to be better spouses and parents.

St. Pius has been the soul of the area for many years with its annual spring festival and Christmas Tree sales. Even for non-Catholics, it is a church community that serves all. These community facing activities cannot be easily replaced.

St. Pius Church has an adjacent school property that is currently for sale and could be used to finance the church operation as the church evangelizes and brings in new parishioners.

Baltimore County has an immediate interest in buying the school property and converting that portion of the property to a park and athletic playing fields. I look forward to working with the Archdiocese to make the school property an asset to the area community which is in much need of open green space.

I know that St. Pius will thrive once again with strong and consistent leadership if they are given the opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michael Ertel

Baltimore County Council

EXHIBIT G

November 15, 2024

His Eminence Cardinal Lazzaro You Heung-sik Prefect of the Dicastery for the Clergy

Your Eminence,

We are writing today to ask for your support in preserving St. Pius X Church in Towson, Md., USA, as a spiritual home and creating a legacy of green space for future generations in our region.

The Anneslie Community Association represents a neighborhood of more than 500 homes along with a commercial area in the same corridor at St. Pius X Church. The church serves as a hub for our densely populated region, offering services including weddings, funerals, and formation programs, and annual events like the summer carnival and Christmas tree sale. These events bring people together and strengthen community bonds. We hope that operations can continue, as many parishioners have championed.

We strongly advocate for the Archdiocese of Baltimore to allow the sale of the closed St. Pius X school property, adjacent to the church, to Baltimore County for park development. Selling this property to Baltimore County would provide funds for church operations and allow for the redevelopment of the property into a green space, a critical need for our community. Our region has seen its population grow by more than 20% since 1990, and the number of youth involved in sports has more than doubled. This has put significant pressure on existing green spaces, making it difficult to meet the community's recreational needs. Redeveloping the school property as a park would benefit our entire community by providing a recreational amenity for athletes, contributing to environmental health by reducing impervious surfaces, and enhancing overall quality of life.

We hope that you will consider our support for the sale of the St. Pius X school property, which would allow the church to continue serving as a spiritual and community anchor in our area, and address our community's urgent need for green space.

Respectfully yours,

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