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Dear Friends:

Allow me this opportunity to write to you regarding the ongoing vigil at the relegated church of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

We hope it is appreciated that the Archdiocese has shown its respect and patience for those who have occupied this site over the last nine years. As you are aware, those in vigil first brought recourse against the decree of the Archdiocese to close the former St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish and then against the decree of the Archdiocese to relegate the church. Throughout this canonical appeal process, the Church presumed the good faith of all parties involved. As testament to that good faith, the Archdiocese did not take any action to disrupt the vigil during the continuance of the canonical appeal process. We participated in good faith, trusting that you were doing so as well.

Your participation in the appeals process presumed that you would accept the final decision, even if it were not favorable to your desired outcome. Now we are simply asking for demonstration of your good faith. The Archdiocese was prepared to accept the decision of the Apostolic Signatura, whatever that ruling might have been. As you are also aware, the Apostolic Signatura has overturned the decisions of other dioceses in similar proceedings. Now that the Signatura has confirmed the decisions of the Archdiocese and denied the final appeals, it is the expectation of the Holy Father that all parties accept this final decision in good faith and in serenity. A refusal to accept the judgment of the Church in this matter would be contrary to the purpose for which you sought recourse.

With the canonical process concluded and the decision of the Church on this matter final, I ask those in vigil to abide by that decision. Please know that we look forward to your presence and participation at the local parishes, joining together as one family in Christ.

Asking God's blessings upon you and all your loved ones, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston