



January 9, 2005 - Statement of the Archdiocese of Boston Regarding the Closing of Immaculate Conception Parish in Cambridge

(Boston, Massachusetts) January 9, 2005...The Archdiocese of Boston today announced that Immaculate Conception Parish in Cambridge celebrated its closing liturgy peacefully and prayerfully. The parish was originally slated to close in December 26, but was granted an extension through January 9, 2005, at the request of Rev. Alexander J. Keenan, Pastor of Immaculate Conception.

“We are thankful for the extension Archbishop O’Malley granted us so that our parish community could welcome in the New Year at Immaculate Conception,” stated Father Keenan. “Many in our parish have already made the transition to Immaculate Conception’s welcoming parishes; St. John the Evangelist in North Cambridge, St. Agnes in Arlington and St. Clement in Somerville, and look forward to developing relationships with new friends and neighbors. Additionally, the Haitian community that was welcomed to Immaculate Conception in October of 2003 will be moving to St. John the Evangelist in North Cambridge with their chaplain, Rev. George Roy, O.M.I. and continuing the Haitian ministry from St. John’s.” Fr. Keenan continued, “I am most grateful to Rev. Paul Cornell for his assistance with the transition process and his service as Administrator at Immaculate Conception in recent months.”

Archbishop Sean O’Malley expressed his gratitude for the parishioners’ reverent conduct during

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