



October 1, 2008 - Statement of the Archdiocese of Boston Regarding the Closed Parish of St. Therese In Everett

Braintree, MA -- October 1, 2008 -- The Archdiocese of Boston has been in communication with those individuals who have been involved with a vigil at the former St. Therese Parish in Everett, regarding concerns involving the boiler in the church building. In August 2008, the group in vigil was informed that the Archdiocese had been notified that the boiler in the church would require significant repairs if it was to remain in service at the building. An independent analysis of the boiler highlighted safety and fire hazards if it is not repaired.

Additionally, the Archdiocese has been informed that the boiler will fail statutory code requirements if it is not repaired. Independent heating contractor estimates for code compliant repair of the boiler are in the range of \$50,000. The Archdiocese cannot assume this expense. In the coming weeks the system will be winterized in order to prevent damage to the church building.

The Archdiocese of Boston is committed to ongoing communication and respectful dialogue with those persons involved with vigil. We continue to hope and pray that we can work together to resolve any remaining differences and go forward with the mission of the Church in the Archdiocese in Boston.

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