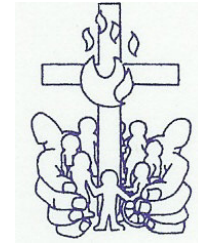


Please remember!

- Continue to pray!
- Continue to respectfully communicate to Bishop Kmiec your support for St. Mary
- Continue to support the efforts of the Strategic Planning Committee
- Continue to be the loving , hospitable people you have always been!



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Save St. Mary!

Appeal Process Progress

The appeal process has now progressed to its final stages, that is, notification to the Congregation for Clergy in Rome. Bishop Kmiec has reiterated his original intention to close St. Mary's Church and our canon lawyer, Philip Gray, as the next step in the process, sent our appeal to Rome this past week. The Bishop's latest letter is available for viewing in the rectory office, along with other pieces of correspondence accessible to the parishioners who signed mandates.

The timeline for considering the appeal is firmly structured and Mr. Gray has been judicious in his handling of our case. Notification to the Congregation for Clergy in Rome of our appeal of Bishop's Kmiec's decree was sent March 26.

- If that body rejects our appeal, we have ten days to ask them to reconsider.
- If they accept our appeal, the Bishop has ten days to ask them to reconsider or 30 days to appeal to the Signatura.
- If we ask the Congregation to reconsider and they deny it, we have 30 days to appeal to the Signatura. That would be our last appeal.

The entire process may take weeks or months, dependent upon the number of cases the Congregation must consider.

Efforts in regard to the civil suit are ongoing and filing of that suit will be made in appropriate conjunction with the appeal process. The cooperation of all those who signed authorizations to be included in the civil suit is of great importance in the strength of the civil action.

Please remember that St. Mary continues to provide the worship experience and ministries that nurture its parishioners and will sustain them in whatever the future may hold.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, May 4, 2008

**following the
10 a.m. Mass**

Takeouts Available

**Tickets will be sold before
and after Masses.**

Tickets Adults - \$7

Children 6-12 - \$3.50

Children 5 & Under - Free

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