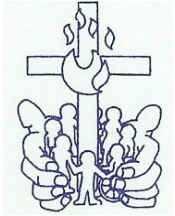


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Save St. Mary!

We've Got Letters!

What a great response! The letters St. Mary's parishioners gathered are on their way to Bishop Kmiec!

At their last meeting, the members of the Strategic Planning Committee, with the help of the public relations specialist Carolyn, have devised a strategy to make the most impact of the letter-writing campaign:

- The letters will be mailed to the Bishop in controlled amounts at regular intervals to maintain a continuous awareness of our resolve.
- At the advice of canon lawyer, Philip Gray, a sustained letter-writing effort is the best method to communicate to the Bishop our determination to "stay the course."
- To accomplish this, letters will be placed in the pews every week and parishioners are asked to take a minute to sign their names and include their addresses on the letters. These letters will then be collected by committee members after every Mass and processed for mailing.
- Even more effective is individual efforts by parishioners to write a personalized short letter to the Bishop on a **weekly** basis.

The Committee is also working on another aspect of its strategy to bring awareness to not only the Lockport community but also to the entire diocese. More on that in the very near future!

Enough cannot be said about being faithful to our commitment to keep St. Mary's open as a worship site. We have grown as a parish family and have found meaningful worship in our sacred place. It's up to **ALL** of us to find success in our efforts. Please remain positive....and **PRAY!**

