

May -----, 2009

His Eminence Claudio Cardinal Hummes, Prefect  
The Congregation for the Clergy  
Piazza Pio XII 3  
00193 Rome, Italy

Re: **Recourse Against Administrative Decree  
The Suppression of St. Emeric Parish  
Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, USA**

Your Eminence,

I the undersigned, a baptized Catholic in good standing, a parishioner of St. Emeric Parish, Cleveland, Ohio, having petitioned the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland to emend or revoke his decree of suppressing St. Emeric Parish and having received on 23 April 2009 his negative response, do hereby appeal said decision in accord with Canon 1735 and request that you intervene and direct that the parish of St Emeric remain open and continue to serve as the focal point for the spiritual benefit of the Hungarian-American faithful in the Greater Cleveland area.

Attached, for your consideration is . . . . INCLUDE YOUR REASONS HERE

I request that Your Eminence examine the above reasons for this appeal along with the supporting documentation presented herein and seek Your Eminence's and the Congregation's positive intervention in overturning the decree of His Excellency Bishop Richard G. Lennon to suppress the parish of St. Emeric.

Most respectfully yours in Christ,

SIGNATURE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING THE APPEAL

1. The letter to the Apostolic Nuncio is merely a cover letter, requesting that he forward the Appeal letter to the Congregation for the Clergy. Please use the form letter supplied. The Nuncio does not have the capacity to execute policy, he is the Vatican's ambassador to Washington.
2. Please see the attached sample letter with the correct address shown. The personal appeal arguments should be in the letter addressed to His Eminence Hummes of the Congregation for the Clergy. Keep your arguments short and to the point. Any personal reason for keeping our parish open is appropriate. The main thrust should be that **ST. EMERIC PARISH MUST REMAIN OPEN**, and that **THE CLOSING OF ST. EMERIC PARISH WILL HARM THE SOUL OF THE PARISHIONERS**. It is also appropriate to state that **THE BISHOP WAS INSENSITIVE TO THE PETITION OF THE PARISHIONERS**, and that **THE BISHOP DID NOT GIVE VALID REASONS FOR CLOSING THE PARISH**. The Congregation consists of cardinals, so be civil and polite. Please do not use insulting words as those will cause the appeal to be rejected and thrown away and may even harm our cause.
3. Have two identical copies of the cover letter to the Nuncio as well as the Appeal letter. Insert one set of copies in an envelope addressed to His Eminence Hummes, Congregation for the Clergy, with the address given in the sample letter, and seal the envelope. The other set of copies should be inserted in the outer envelope, addressed to His Eminence Pietro Sambi. This is the mailing envelope.
4. Do not forget to print your name and address under your signatures, otherwise you may not get a response.
5. Try to mail your appeal and have it postmarked by Thursday, May 7 so that the 15-day deadline given in the Code of Canon Law is observed.
6. Please understand that our parishioner Miklos Peller who was mandated to be the parish's Procurator, is currently putting an extensive formal appeal together on behalf of the entire St. Emeric Parish and will be sending it to the Congregation for the Clergy on Tuesday of next week. Therefore, your individual appeal should contain your own thoughts, concerns and the damages your soul would suffer should St. Emeric close.

If you have any questions regarding this appeal, please turn to Fr. Sandor (216) 861-1937 or Miklos Peller (440) 899-1661 (daytime).