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**His Eminence Pietro Sambì**  
**Apostolic Nuncio**  
**Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See**  
**3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**  
**Washington, DC 20008**

Re: **Suppression of St. Emeric Parish**  
**Diocese of Cleveland**

Your Eminence,

I the undersigned, a baptized Catholic and Procurator mandated by 250 parishioners of St. Emeric Parish, Cleveland, Ohio, send you the enclosed document containing a recourse of our Parish to the Congregation for the Clergy.

Our St. Emeric Parish of Cleveland, Ohio was founded by and for Hungarian immigrants and residents of our Diocese. St. Emeric Parish is 105 years old, which by itself is considered to be a commendable historical significance in the United States. Many years ago, our parish was given the status of "personal parish" by the Diocese by the virtue of Canon 518, serving the Hungarian-speaking faithful in a central location.

Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, appointed Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio and installed on May 15, 2006, issued an administrative decree on March 12, 2009 which decree suppresses our parish. It is for this reason that we file this recourse. The assertions of our recourse are summarized in our letter to His Eminence Claudio Cardinal Hummes of the Congregation for the Clergy. Our detailed assertions and supporting documents are contained in the attachments.

Our recourse in accordance with the norm of Canon 1737 seeks the Congregation's positive intervention in overturning the decision by His Excellency the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland to suppress the Parish of St. Emeric, Cleveland, Ohio. Enclosed is a our pastor's letter of request to the Congregation for the Clergy, a copy of our parishioners' recourse to the Congregation for the Clergy, our parishioners' Petition to Bishop Lennon, his letter of rejection of our Petition, and other documents supporting our recourse which I provide for your own perusal.

I humbly request your assistance and ask that you forward the appeal packet to His Eminence Claudio Cardinal Hummes at your earliest convenience.

With gratitude for your favor and with assurances of my prayers on your behalf,



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attachments

cc: His Eminence Claudio Cardinal Hummes, Prefect, Congregation for the Clergy  
His Excellency Bishop Richard G. Lennon, Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, USA