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His Eminence Claudio Cardinal Hummes, O. F. M., Cardinal Prefect
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Plazzo delle Congregazioni
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Dear Cardinal Hummes:

Enclosed, please find additional information regarding the appeal of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts USA.

The primary purpose of our appeal is to bring attention to how the Pastoral Planning Process used to target St. Stanislaus Kostka Church as a candidate for closure was based on flawed and inaccurate data. Secondly, it is to bring attention to the logistical problems which will result in closing the St. Stanislaus campus: most importantly the negative impact it will have on the St. Stanislaus School; the vital importance of keeping the use of Kolbe Hall; and the dilemma of where to conduct daily Mass in the winter months. Thirdly, it is to bring attention, to the financial ramifications which will result from the planned merger. The immediate one being there is \$103,000 additional recurring operating expense, for the Notre Dame site over that of the St. Stanislaus site. The financial forecast presented in the Financial Analysis Report ominously projects the new parish (if at the Notre Dame site) will be bankrupt by 2012.

Our concerned objective is: to ensure the long-term sustainability of the sole remaining parish which will emerge as a result of this reconfiguration, and to bring an understanding as to what the particular issues are, and to examine what is in the long-term best interest of our entire Catholic Community in Adams. One where the Catholic faithful can continue to utilize, in the best way possible, the essential assets to church life vital to evangelization effort and outreach; so we can put less money into buildings, which is Bishop McDonnell's objective, by being less encumbered by financial constraints and invest more resources into people and projects. Behind all this effort is a community of committed, devoutly faithful Christians who love the Lord, and who desire, above all else, to do His will and to serve Him.

Respectfully Submitted in Christ,



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