



Diocese of Springfield
Office of the Bishop

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Ms. Laurie Haas
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Dear Laurie,

My thanks and appreciation for your follow-up letter of October 15th. You mentioned in it the head counts in Adams. I thought it was fascinating that on Sundays prior to the announcement of headcounts the numbers were far lower than when it was announced that we would do headcounts. I hope that following the three Sundays the same number will show up.

I have received notification from the Congregation of the Clergy they have received a formal appeal. Therefore, that notification demands that I issue the Decree of Closure which I have done effective January 1, 2009. The appeal now puts the matter in the hands of the Congregation and I have asked that they respond as quickly as possible.

Again, you are in my prayers; keep me in yours.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy A. McDonnell
Bishop of Springfield