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October 29, 2019

Very Reverend and dear Father Connor and The Planning Committee of Saints Isidore and Maria Torribia Parish:

I write to acknowledge your very kind letter dated October 25, 2019, in which you offer recommendations for the future of Saints Isidore and Maria Torribia Parish. Having read your report, I was impressed by the efforts you have made and continue to make on behalf of your parish.

While realizing the positive initiatives detailed in your recommendation, I respectfully note that the highest attendance at Mass is 123 (Saint Joseph Church, capacity, 175), with two Masses having attendance below 100, one with 52 attendees (Saint Catherine of Siena Church, capacity 250) and the other with 94 (Saint Stanislaus Church, capacity 150); the fourth Mass has 118 in attendance (Saint Catherine of Siena Church). In addition, there were only 8 Baptisms, 13 First Communicants, 6 recipients of the Sacrament of Confirmation, 2 weddings and 15 funerals registered for the last year. These statistics are very significant in determining the parish's future sustainability.

As is the normal protocol, I will present your report to the members of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council. The agenda for the November 5, 2019 meeting has already been set. Thus, I would present your recommendation to the Council at its January 14, 2020 meeting at which, Father Connor, you will be present. I also invite members of the Committee to be present for the portion of the meeting that will discuss your recommendation. Once the January agenda has been set, Father Paul J. Tomasso, Vicar General, will contact you for the time and to know the number of Committee members who will be present.

In the interim, I ask that you continue to work with Ms. Karen Rinefierd, Planning Consultant for the Diocese, and to give further consideration to the notes in paragraph two above.

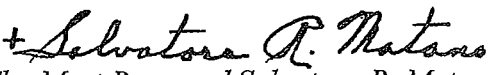
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In closing, I renew my gratitude for your cooperation and dedication. Please be assured of my prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our deliberations so that they will unite us in faith and bind us to the Eucharistic Christ.

Invoking the intercession of Our Mother Mary and Saint John Fisher, Patron of our Diocese, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

cc: The Very Reverend Father Paul J. Tomasso, Vicar General
The Reverend Father Daniel J. Condon, Chancellor
Ms. Karen Karen Rinefierd, Planning Consultant for the Diocese
Ms. Lisa M. Passero, Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese