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Reverend John P. Fitzpatrick
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100 Landham Road
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Dear Father Fitzpatrick:

I am pleased to respond to your June 24, 2004 letter concerning the parish territory of Saint Anselm Parish and the closing date for Saint Anselm Parish.

Please know that the date recommended for the closing of Saint Anselm, September 15, 2004, is an acceptable date for closure. Also, your recommendation that the Framingham territory of Saint Anselm Parish be assigned to Saint George Parish and the Sudbury territory be assigned to Our Lady of Fatima Parish is acceptable.

I am grateful for the work that you have done, along with your parishioners, in preparing for the closure of Saint Anselm Parish. I realize how painful this is for all involved, and yet it is the Archbishop's sincere hope, as it is mine, that notwithstanding the pain of the closure of parishes, the Church of Boston as it moves forward will be more vibrant and better able to respond to the pastoral and spiritual needs of all the faithful.

With my best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon