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24 August 2004

Reverend John P. Fitzpatrick
Saint Anselm Parish
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Dear Father Fitzpatrick:

Enclosed please find the Decree issued by Archbishop Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., and signed by Reverend Mark O'Connell, Ecclesiastical Notary, declaring the closure of Saint Anselm Parish in Sudbury. Please note that the Decree gives the effective date of the closure of the parish.

This information is being shared with the appropriate persons at Chancery who will be assisting you in the many details that need to be addressed over the next several weeks.

I would like to encourage you to share the Decree, either in its entirety or in a summary fashion, with your parishioners.

Please know that I will be remembering you and the parishioners of Saint Anselm Parish in my prayers as the process for transitioning to other parishes continues for them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon

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I, Archbishop Séan Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston, having carefully considered the pastoral situation of **SAINT ANSELM PARISH** in **SUDBURY**, Massachusetts, have come to the determination that Saint Anselm Parish in Sudbury should be suppressed.

This determination has been made in light of the wider reconfiguration initiative of the Archdiocese of Boston, which will allow the Archdiocese of Boston to more efficiently use its resources to better serve the People of God.

Having considered the needs of the Catholic population of Saint Anselm Parish that is partly in Framingham and partly in Sudbury, it is my belief that the neighboring parishes are sufficient to serve the needs of the faithful of Saint Anselm Parish. The small number of worshipers at Saint Anselm, and its relatively low sacramental index, as well its proximity to parishes in Framingham and in Sudbury, have led me to conclude that the pastoral and spiritual needs of the People of God can be appropriately served by the remaining parishes in the area. The deaf community presently at Saint Anselm, along with the other deaf communities throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, will be assisted in relocating to one parish community.

As part of the reconfiguration process I have consulted with the "cluster" of parishes that included the Administrator and representatives of the people of Saint Anselm Parish in Sudbury, as well as the Vicar Forane, the Regional Bishop, a "Central Committee" composed of priests and laypeople, and, in accord with Canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, with the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Boston on May 7, 2004.

Having carefully considered the consultation of these parties, and with dutiful concern for the spiritual needs of the people of Sudbury, Massachusetts, I hereby decree,

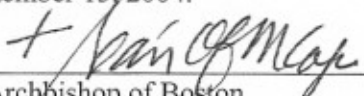
that Saint Anselm Parish, Sudbury, be suppressed,

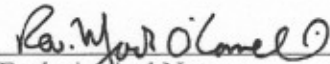
that the territory of Saint Anselm Parish in Sudbury be territory of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sudbury and the territory of Saint Anselm Parish in Framingham be territory of Saint George Parish in Framingham,

that the canonical registers of Saint Anselm Parish be kept at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sudbury,

that the goods and obligations of Saint Anselm Parish become the goods and obligations of the Archdiocese of Boston.

This Decree shall be effective at 12:00 Noon, September 15, 2004.


Archbishop of Boston


Ecclesiastical Notary
August 23, 2004