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September 8, 2004

Saint Anselm Parish Pastoral Council
c/o
Mr. John J. Ryan, Jr.
100 Landham Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I have received your letter requesting me to revoke my decree of August 23, 2004, on September 3, 2004 and I want to assure you that what you have submitted will be given appropriate attention. At this time I need to address your request to suspend the execution of the decree pending administrative recourse. I now inform you that I am not suspending the execution of the decree.

Saint Anselm Parish in Sudbury is scheduled to close on September 15, 2004 at 12:00 Noon. If at that time the appeal process is still incomplete, Saint Anselm Parish will be closed; however, the Archdiocese of Boston will not move forward with the distribution of assets of a parish while recourse is pending.

I wish to assure you that I will respond to your request to revoke the decree within the thirty days I am allowed by Canon Law.

With all good wishes and assurance of a remembrance in my prayers, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ


Archbishop of Boston

cc. Rev. John P. Fitzpatrick