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Dear Friends,

When we held our town hall webinars in April, we were filled with hope for the future. In the months since, the Archdiocese has reconsidered the status of Saint Anselm Rectorate. Unfortunately, they have made the decision to close Saint Anselm in early October.

While I am personally disappointed in this decision, I remain hopeful that we can build a community of faith in Sudbury, Maynard and Framingham. In the few months I have led Saint Anselm, I have witnessed your welcoming culture, your active ministries and your support of our mission. Please know how much I value your warm welcome and all of the relationships we've created.

Looking ahead, we will pull together a group of council members and church leaders to identify ways to provide pastoral care to Saint Anselm parishioners and carry forward your spirit of fellowship. In the upcoming weeks, more information will be shared, including ways to stay involved and connected.

As always, please reach out to me or the staff with questions.

God Bless,

Father Gerald Souza  
Rector

### **STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**

We wish to thank Father Gerald Souza, the staff and parishioners of Saint Anselm for driving forward the mission of the church during a difficult time. The decision to conclude the mission of the Rectorate was reached after careful review of several factors that included the viability of keeping the worship site open and the potential impact on the Collaborative as well as financial considerations. The Archdiocese recognizes that in the fourteen years since the Rectorate was formed, a decision on its long-term use would need to be reached at some point. Sadly, that time has come. On October 3rd a closing Mass will be celebrated. It is the desire of the Archdiocese to memorialize the significant pastoral contributions of Saint Anselm for the Catholic community in Sudbury and Framingham and to embrace the mission of the Collaborative through evangelization and worship.

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