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Your Grace,

We have no doubt that you have reviewed the results of the Survey that was conducted at Star of the Sea Parish. The survey form was prepared in a way that was biased towards the Pastor and the consultant that prepared it. That being said, we are in the process of proving same by having the form reviewed by a national pollster to prove this fact. The initial reaction from a representative of one major polling company was: "Wow! An organization mails out an information package supporting the executives goals and objectives. Within the package they demonize those that are opposed to the goals and objectives. In addition, a ballot is enclosed asking the member to vote on the goals and objectives and then they must identify themselves on the ballot. This is no doubt intimidation, no wonder the ballot return rate was so low. I wouldn't even reply to that! A Mail out directly to members homes, with an easy return process, should yield in the 70% plus range." This error was clearly brought to the Pastor's attention and a feeble attempt was noted in the survey results to smooth it over by stating, "Personal information provided by parishioners enabled us to update the accuracy of our current database in many cases and to confirm that the respondents were indeed members of our parish."

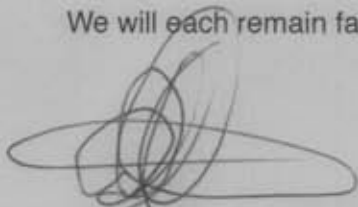
Aside from the poll being conducted very late in the Parish Campus Master Plan process, it begs a number of questions, as well as gives further proof that the entire process was not open and honest, nor did it give all Parishioners the opportunity to give input. The brochure that was mailed out with the ballot was not accurate in many areas. In addition, we are constantly told that we are 2600 families and yet only 1950 brochure / ballots were mailed out. The survey results stated that 585 family results were tabulated. That is less than a 25% return, certainly not "typical" as the survey results state. The statement is similar to one recently made by our Pastor to a member of the Finance Council that it is normal for Project Advance to be off by sixty thousand dollars, it fluctuates annually. It is our belief that the brochure and the ballot are meant only to provide evidence to the Apostolic Signatura as to the validity and openness of our Pastor, his consultant and committees. Personally, we trust that the Apostolic Signatura will see through this effort and the many others that have occurred since the Parish Campus Master Plan was approved by your Office. Indeed, these are all actions that should have been completed prior to Archdiocese involvement and approval of the Plan.

If we take a moment to review the results of the survey that have been published in our Parish Bulletin, it should cause you great concern. Contrary to the many times that our Pastor said that "a few parishioners are opposed", the survey gives an indication that 40% of Parishioners are opposed to portions of the Master Plan. That in itself is huge. Unlike an election wherein a candidate is selected, this is a living process that will likely seethe for many years to come. Many Parishioners submitted ballots without signing and many many more did not submit ballots because they serve on committees and ministries and were fearful of repercussions.

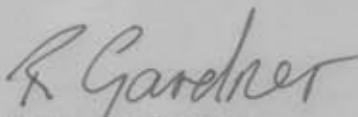
They stated that they love serving Jesus Christ and the Church and were concerned that they would no longer be welcomed.

Your Grace, it is only upon receipt of your letter to each of us, dated July, 5, 2017 that we had any indication of your concern for the crisis that is occurring in our Parish. For this we express our deepest appreciation and trust that you will finally intercede in this very divisive matter. If Jesus would abandon his flock for one lost sheep, it bears asking what he would do to enable more than 40% of his flock to be united. Please allow the Parishioners at Star of the Sea to prayerfully attend our service to Jesus Christ and not have all before and after Mass conversations focused on this matter. You know that it is in your power as Our Shepherd to heal these wounds and again, respectfully, we implore you to suspend this flawed Parish Campus Master Plan and allow it to be reopened democratically at a future date.

We will each remain faithful Catholics and continue to fight oppression,



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Your Eminence, would you kindly add this to our on going file on this matter.

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Mario, would you kindly have copies of this letter distributed to the various Council.
Members listed above